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Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

February 3, 2021

Austin Evers
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Re: **2019-HQFO-01120**

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 August 8, 2019, and received by this office on August 8, 2019. You are seeking all records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations or entries, handwritten or electronic notes taken at meetings, an informational material exchanged during meetings, talking points for meetings or calls, or readouts or summaries of meetings or calls) sent or received (including those copied or blind copied) by anyone with an email address ending in eop.gov regarding Fisher Industries or We Build The Wall. Keywords "Fisher industries," "Fisher Ind," "Fisher Sand and Gravel," "Thomas Fisher," "We Build the Wall," "WBTW," and "Kolfage". American Oversight requests that DHS search the records of the following officials: (a) Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan, (b) Acting Deputy Secretary David Pekoske, (c) Acting Chief of Staff Brandon Wales, (d) Former Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, (e) Former Chief of Staff Chad Wolf, (f) Counselor to the Secretary Ryan Scudder g. White House Advisor Frank Wuco, and anyone else serving as White House Advisor or White House Liaison. The Office of the General Counsel John Mitnick, and anyone acting on his behalf. The Office of the Under Secretary for Management: (a) Acting Under Secretary for Management Randolph D. "Tex" Alles, (b) Former Under Secretary for Management, Claire Grady, (c) Former Deputy Under Secretary for Management, Chip Fulghum, (d) Chief Procurement Officer, Soraya Correa. And the Office of the Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy and Plans: (a) Acting Under Secretary Chad Wolf, (b) Deputy Under Secretary and former Acting Under Secretary James McCament, (c) Assistant Secretary for International Affairs Dimple Shah, (d) Assistant Secretary, Border, Immigration, and Trade Policy Michael Dougherty (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/20/2017 To 8/8/2019).

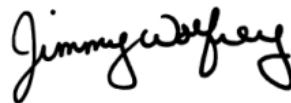
We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Office for the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

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.

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-01120**. You may send an e-mail to 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; 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)