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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

February 15, 2024 CBP-2019-089363

American Oversight
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Dear FOIA Requester

In response to ***American Oversight v. Department of Homeland Security, et al Case 1:23-cv-01395-RC***, this is the first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), submitted and received in our office on September 30, 2019. In your request you are seeking the following:

1. All email communications sent to any of the following entities, including messages where those individuals/organizations were carbon copied (cc) or blind carbon copied (bcc). This request includes all prior messages (whether incoming or outgoing) reflected in any responsive emails and any attachments to any responsive emails.

a. Any employee or representative of Federation for American Immigration Reform (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @fairus.org)
b. Any employee or representative of Immigration Reform Law Institute (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @irli.org
c. Any employee or representative of Center for Immigration Studies (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @cis.org)
d. Any employee or representative of NumbersUSA (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @numbersusa.com)
e. Any employee or representative of The Remembrance Project (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @theremembranceproject.org)
f. Any employee or representative of Heritage Foundation (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @heritage.org)
g. Any employee or representative of VDARE (including any emails sent to or received from an address ending in @vdare.com)
h. Kris Kobach (including but not limited to emails sent to or received from kkobach@gmail.com, kris@kriskobach.com)

2. Any email communications (including emails, email attachments, and calendar invitations), handwritten communications, and/or calendar entries involving any person at the White House Office (including anyone with an email address ending in @who.eop.gov) regarding the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP).3

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American Oversight requests that DHS search the records of the following officials:

i. Kevin McAleenan
ii. Kirstjen Nielsen
iii. David Pekoske
iv. Chad Wolf
v. Christina Bobb
vi. John Mitnick
vii. Miles Taylor
viii. Michael Dougherty
ix. Dimple Shah
x. Cameron Quinn
xi. Julie Kirchner
xii. Anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or Advisor

American Oversight requests that ICE search the records of the following officials:
i. Mark Morgan
ii. Tracy Short
iii. Ronald Vitiello
iv. Matthew Albence
v. Derek Benner
vi. Thomas Blank
vii. Chris Kelly
viii. Jon Feere
ix. Barbara Gonzalez
x. Anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or Advisor
American Oversight requests that CBP search the records of the following officials:
i. Kevin McAleenan
ii. Ronald Vitiello
iii. Carla Provost
iv. Meghann Peterlin
v. Patrick Flanagan
vi. Anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or Advisor

American Oversight requests that USCIS search the records of the following officials:

i. Ken Cuccinelli
ii. L. Francis Cissna;
iii. Robert Law
iv. Jennifer B. Higgins
v. Joseph Edlow
vi. Mark Koumans

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vii. John Lafferty
viii. Ted Kim
ix. Elizabeth Mura
x. Jennifer Rellis
xi. Craig Symons
xii. Lora Ries
xiii. Kathy Nuebel Kovarik
xiv. John Zadrozny
xv. Anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or Advisor

A search of CBP databases produced records responsive to your request. CBP has determined for this interim release that records responsive to your request can be found at the following link: https://www.cbp.gov/document/foia-record/we-build-wall.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this response, you may contact Assistant United States Attorney, Dedra Seibel Curteman at:

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Please notate file number CBP-2019-089363 on any future correspondence to CBP related to this request.

Sincerely,

FOIA Division
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