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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

February 26, 2024 CBP-2019-089363

American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear FOIA Requester

In response to ***American Oversight v. Department of Homeland Security, et al Case 1:23-cv-01395-RC***, this is your final 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

In response to this request, CBP processed 326 pages of records and is producing 3 pages of responsive records with this response. The responsive records are partially withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6), (7)(C), and (b)(7)(E). CBP is withholding in full 11 pages of records responsive to your request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7C), and (b)(7)(E). Additionally, we identified 47 pages of duplicate records and 247 pages non responsive to your request. Lastly, we identified 18 pages that was publicly available and provided to you on February 15, 2024.

Definitions and other information related to the FOIA exemptions used by CBP can be found at: https://www.dhs.gov/foia-exemptions

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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US Attorney's Office, Civil Division
601 D Street, NW
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(2020 252-2550
dedra.curteman@usdoj.gov

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

Sincerely,

FOIA Division
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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From: (b) (6)
To: Meehan, Andrew
Cc: PETERLIN, MEGHANN K; QUINN, TIMOTHY
Subject: RE: Visit to San Diego Sector 7/16-7/19
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 2:16:41 PM

Mr. Meehan-

I am truly grateful for your assistance.

Best,
(b) (6)

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Meehan, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 10:25 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: PETERLIN, MEGHANN K; QUINN, TIMOTHY
Subject: RE: Visit to San Diego Sector 7/16-7/19

Looping in the CBP IPL team for follow up.

Regards,

Andrew Meehan
Department of Homeland Security
(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) cis.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 10:11 AM
To: Meehan, Andrew (b) (6) hq.dhs.gov>
Subject: Visit to San Diego Sector 7/16-7/19

Mr. Meehan-

I am planning to visit San Diego between July 16th and July 19th, and I am interested in touring CBP and ICE facilities along the border. In particular, I would be interested in a border tour, a tour of the San Ysidro port of entry, a tour of a CBP processing center, and a tour of an ICE detention facility. In addition I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Border Patrol Sector chief in the San Diego sector.

Would it be possible for you to put me in touch with the appropriate individuals to facilitate this request?

Thanks,

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(b) (6)

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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From: PEREZ, ROBERT E
To: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
Cc: PETERLIN, MEGHANN K; SANDERS, JOHN P; PROVOST, CARLA (USBP); LUCK, SCOTT A (USBP)
Subject: RE: Request for permission to close the Anapra gap
Date: Friday, June 21, 2019 4:31:08 PM

Chief (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) – please continue to move forward on this, including the drafting of a response to the incoming letter to the AS1 from (b) (6) – would like to be completed by the week of 7/1.

Thanks.

REP

Robert E. Perez
Deputy Commissioner
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

From: PEREZ, ROBERT E
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 6:17 PM
To: (b)(7)(E) hq.dhs.gov) <(b)(7)(E) @hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Flanagan, Patrick (b) (6) hq.dhs.gov>; PETERLIN, MEGHANN K (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) cbp.dhs.gov>; SANDERS, JOHN P (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) cbp.dhs.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>; PROVOST, CARLA (USBP) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) CBP.DHS.GOV>; COOPER, NTINA K (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) cbp.dhs.gov>; LUCK, SCOTT A (USBP) (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) CBP.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: Request for permission to close the Anapra gap

Mr. Secretary – just wanted to let you know that I spoke to (b) (6) today.

BLUF – I thought a good conversation; he understood/appreciated the legal and operational questions (e.g. procurement, real estate, operational utility/priority, gift acceptance, etc.) we need to have clarified and answered before we can accept his organizations' assistance and collaborate further; receptive to aligning our priorities once we've figured out a path forward on appropriate engagement and coordination; and will wait for our written response to his letter (which I told him he could expect in 2-3 weeks) to then schedule our next engagement.

I expressed to him our gratitude for his organizations' efforts and intent, and with your concurrence the wall team and I will continue to handle and update you as appropriate.

Thank you sir.

REP

Robert E. Perez
Deputy Commissioner
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

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