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Washington, DC 20005
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File Number: USSS 20200085
Department of State C-2021-00199

Dear Requester:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request, originally received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on October 21, 2019, for information pertaining to All communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, calendar entries, and text messages) between (a) the officials listed below and (b) any Executive Office of the President official email address (including email addresses containing @who.eop.gov, @omb.eop.gov, or @nsc.eop.gov) regarding the location of the 2020 G7 summit.

Specified USSS Officials:

- i. Director James Murray, and anyone serving as his assistant or scheduler
- ii. Chief Operating Officer George Mulligan, and anyone serving as his assistant or scheduler
- iii. Anyone serving as White House Liaison or White House Advisor (or their deputies)
- iv. Anyone serving as General Counsel, and anyone serving as their assistant or scheduler
- v. Any USSS official tasked with a role in organizing, managing, or otherwise executing the G7 2020 Summit. American Oversight believes USSS is best positioned to determine who such officials may be.

For this request, American Oversight believes that records containing the terms “G7,” “G-7,” “Group of 7,” “Group of Seven,” “2020” or “summit” in conjunction with “Doral,” “Trump International,” “Trump club,” “Trump hotel,” “Miami,” or “Florida” are likely to be responsive records, and American Oversight requests that your agency, at a minimum, employ these search terms to identify responsive records:

(Date Range for Record Search: From 3/1/2019 To 10/21/2019).

After a detailed review of all potentially responsive records, 13 page(s) were released and 0 page(s) were withheld in their entirety. Exemptions under the FOIA Statute, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, and/or the PA Statute, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552a, have been applied where deemed appropriate.

If you so choose to file an appeal based on the determination of the Department of State, the appeal should be filed within 90 days. Appeals of State Department records should be directed to the Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services, U.S. Department of State, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LA, Room 5420 (HST), 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520, or faxing to (202) 485-1718. The letter of appeal should refer to the case number **C-2021-00199** associated with this case.

Enclosed are the documents responsive to your request, as well as a document that explains the exemptions in more detail. Withheld information is pursuant to the exemptions marked below.

Section 552 (FOIA)

(b) (1)	(b) (2)	(b) (3) Statute:		
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Section 552a (Privacy Act)

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The following checked item(s) also apply to your request:

Some documents originated with another government agency(s). These documents were referred to that agency(s) for review and direct response to you.

Some documents, in our files, contain information furnished to the Secret Service by another government agency(s). These documents were referred to that agency(s) for review and direct response to you.

Fees: In the processing of this FOIA/PA request, no fees are being assessed.

Other:

If you deem our decision an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights. Should you wish to file an administrative appeal, your appeal should be made in writing and received within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter, by writing to: Freedom of Information Appeal, Deputy Director, U.S. Secret Service, Communications Center, 245 Murray Lane, S.W., Building

T-5, Washington, D.C. 20223. If you choose to file an administrative appeal, please explain the basis of your appeal and reference the case number listed above.

Additionally, you have the 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. Please note that contacting the Secret Service's FOIA Program and/or OGIS **is not** an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and **does not** stop the 90-day appeal clock. You may contact OGIS at: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001. You may also reach OGIS via e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, telephone at 202-741-5770/toll free at (877) 684-6448, or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you need any further assistance, or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact our FOIA Public Liaison Kevin Tyrrell, at (202) 406-6370. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to foia@usss.dhs.gov.

FOIA/PA File No. 20200085 is assigned to your request. Please refer to this file number in all future communication with this office.

Sincerely,



Kevin L. Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:
FOIA and Privacy Act Exemption List

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

Provisions of the Freedom of Information Act do not apply to matter that are:

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices any agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), if that statute: (A)(i) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (ii) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld; and (B) is established after the date of enactment of the OPEN FOIA Act of 2009;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency; provided that the deliberative process privilege shall not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested;
- (b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the information: (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source; (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for regulation or supervision of financial institutions;
- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

**PRIVACY ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

The provisions of the Privacy Act do not apply to:

- (d) (5) material compiled in reasonable anticipation of civil action or proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) material is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy;
- (k) (2) material compiled during investigations for law enforcement purposes;
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or other individuals pursuant to section 3056 of Title 18;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, military service, Federal contracts, or for access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or prior to the September 27, 1975, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence;
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the Federal service the disclosure of which would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process;

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We'll meet in the conference room in 1238 - thanks



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