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Dear Ms. Sloan:

This is in response to your January 6, 2020, request submitted pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (DOS) in which you requested all records reflecting communications between various State Department officials and external entities on the topic of Halkbank. Please be advised the Office of Information Programs and Services conducted a search and located no records responsive to your FOIA request.

For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email to FOIAstatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 261-8484.

If you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LA, HST Room B266, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, or by faxing to (202) 485-1718. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days and include a copy of this letter, clearly stating why you disagree with the determination set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; fax: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

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