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DOE Case No. HQ-2020-00499

Mr. Austin Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers,

I refer to your request dated February 18, 2020 to the Department of Energy for the release of certain material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552). Of the relevant documents retrieved in response to your request, one was considered to be of primary interest to the Department of State and was referred to us for appropriate action.

After careful review, we have determined it may be released in part. Information was exempt from release pursuant to the following exemption:

- 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(6), which concerns material, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's personal privacy.

This action closes your request in this office. 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 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.

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Sincerely,

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Keri Lewis, Branch Chief

Office of Information Programs and Services

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