**U.S. Department of Justice**
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April 14, 2025

American Oversight
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Re: FOIA-2020-00325
DRH:ADF:ERH

Dear American Oversight:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on February 25, 2020, in which you requested: (1) various records of the Department's White House Liaison, dating from January 1, 2019; and (2) records of communication between the Office of the Attorney General and John McEntee, White House Presidential Personnel Office or anyone on John McEntee's behalf, dating from February 1, 2020.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the Office of the Attorney General, as well as of the electronic database of the Departmental Executive Secretariat, which is the official records repository for the Office of the Attorney General, and two pages were located that are responsive to your request. I have determined that this information is appropriate for release with certain information withheld, some on behalf of the Office of Justice Programs, pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Please be advised that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying 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) (2018). 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.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Valeree Villanueva, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

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If you are not satisfied with this Office's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

Sincerely,


for

Douglas R. Hibbard
Chief, Initial Request Staff

Enclosures

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# RE: email

**From:** "Bissex, Rachel (OAG)" <(b) (6)>
**To:** "Costigan, Michael (OJP)" <(b)(6) per OJP>
**Date:** Tue, 04 Jun 2019 05:37:15 -0400

Hi Mike,

Apologies for the delay – I was in Alaska with the AG all last week. My external email address is (b) (6)

Rachel

**From:** Costigan, Michael (OJP) <(b)(6) per OJP>
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2019 12:15 PM
**To:** Bissex, Rachel (OAG) <(b) (6)>
**Subject:** email
**Importance:** High

Hi Rachel – Becky Norton Dunlop has been trying to email you, but it keeps bouncing back.

Is (b) (6) right? Or does it include .jmd.?

Thanks for your help. Mike

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# FW: Friday morning

**From:** "Costigan, Michael (OJP)" <(b)(6) per OJP >
**To:** "Bissex, Rachel (OAG)" <(b) (6) >
**Date:** Mon, 04 Mar 2019 13:19:49 -0500

Rachel – Becky's in for Friday at 10AM. I'll attempt to send out a calendar invite. Mike

**From:** Dunlop, Becky [mailto:bndunlop@heritage.org]
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2019 1:15 PM
**To:** Costigan, Michael (OJP) <(b)(6) per OJP >
**Subject:** RE: Friday morning

Yes

**Becky Norton Dunlop**
*Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow*
The Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
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**From:** Costigan, Michael (OJP) (b)(6) per OJP
**Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2019 1
**To:** Dunlop, Becky <bndunlop@heritage.org>
**Subject:** Friday morning
**Importance:** High

Hi Becky:

Could you meet us **Friday morning at 10AM** at Paul Bakery – 801 Pennsylvania Ave, NW?

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