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Office of the Assistant
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Washington, D.C. 20210

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Dear Ms. Sloan:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of the Solicitor in accordance with 5 U.S.C. §552(a). The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy (OASP) conducted an agency search of records for the following:

"Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing regulations. American Oversight request the following records: From February 1, 2020, through the date the search is conducted."

3. "All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between...
    a. (1) any political appointees* in the immediate front Office of the Secretary (or the senior-most official at your agency) as well as anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or White House Advisor (including anyone serving as their Chiefs of Staff or Deputies) and
    b. (2) John McEntee, head of the Presidential Personnel Office at the White House, or anyone communicating on his behalf."

Our search yielded no records responsive to your request.

If you need further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request please contact the OASP FOIA Coordinator, Ms. Terry Fryer at 202-693-5925 or by email at fryer.terry.l@dol.gov. You may also contact the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, at 202-693-5427 or by email at hicks.thomas@dol.gov.

Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) within the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of

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Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. You can also reach that office by e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 202-741-5770, by fax at 202-741-5769, or by calling toll-free at 1-877-684-6448.

Notice of Appeal Rights: You have the right to appeal this determination within 90 days from the date of this response, 29 C.F.R. §70.22. An appeal must be in writing and state the grounds for appeal, including any supporting statements or arguments. You should include copies of your initial request and this response. The appeal should be sent to: Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Appeals may also be submitted by email to foiaappeal@dol.gov. Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted.

Sincerely,

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