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WASHINGTON, DC 20416

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April 8, 2020

Melanie Sloan
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foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Ms. Sloan,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request No. SBA-2020-000421 in which you requested email communications sent to general email domains and communications between SBA and White House Liaisons or Advisors. Specifically, you requested:

(1) All email communications sent by (1) anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or White House Advisor (including anyone serving as their Chiefs of Staff or Deputies) to (2) anyone with an email address ending in .com / .net / .org / .edu / .mail / .us.

(2) All records reflecting communications, 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) of (1) anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or White House Advisor (including anyone serving as their Chiefs of Staff or Deputies) with or about (2) any of the below specified external entities or individuals:

   a. Virginia "Ginni" Thomas or any person communicating on her behalf, such as Crystal Clayton
   b. Barbara Ledeen or any person communicating on her behalf
   c. Becky Norton Dunlop or any person communicating on her behalf

(3) All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, ext messages, messages on messaging platforms, 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 (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 (2) John McEntee, head of the Presidential Personnel Office at the White House, or anyone communicating on his behalf.

(4) All records reflecting the content of a meeting between (1) anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or White House Advisor (including anyone serving as their

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Chiefs of Staff or Deputies) and (2) John McEntee, head of the Presidential Personnel Office at the White House, on or about February 20, 2020,3 including any calendar entries, emails and other written communications about the meeting, agendas, lists of meeting attendees, minutes, summaries, handwritten notes, talking points, transcripts, or materials displayed or exchanged during the meeting.

You subsequently narrowed your request in item number 1 to the following individuals, domains or email addresses:

1. Tom Fitton, Judicial Watch, or anyone communicating with an email address ending in @judicialwatch.org
2. Frank Gaffney, the Center for Security Policy, or anyone communicating with an email address ending in @centerforsecuritypolicy.org or @securefreedom.org
3. Tony Perkins, Ken Blackwell, Jerry Boykin, the Family Research Council, or anyone communicating with an email address ending in @frc.org
4. Gayle Trotter, the Independent Women's Forum, or anyone communicating with an email address ending in @iwf.org
5. Catherine Englebrecht, Anita MonCrief, or anyone communicating with an email address ending in @truethevote.org
6. Sue Myrick
7. Diana Banister or anyone communicating with an email address ending in @sbpublicaffairs.com
8. Max Pappas
9. Anyone communicating from an email address ending in @cruz.senate.gov
10. Stephen Bannon
11. Dan Bongino
12. Leonard Leo, or anyone communicating with an email address ending in @fedsoc.org
13. Sandy Rios, the American Family Association, American Family Radio, or any person communicating with an email address ending in @afa.org or @afr.org
14. Lori Roman, Libertas Global Partners, or any person communicating with an email address ending in @libertasglobal.com
15. The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), or any person communicating with an email address ending in @alec.org
16. Austin Ruse, the Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam), or any person communicating with an email address ending in @c-fam.org
17. Matthew Boyle or any person communicating with an email address ending in @breitbart.com
18. Michael James Barton
19. Mark Tapscott, the Daily Caller News Foundation, or any person communicating with an email address ending in @dcnf.org
20. James O'Keefe, Project Veritas, or any person communicating with an email address ending in @projectveritas.com
21. Cleta Mitchell, including, but not limited to, communications with the email address cmitchell@foley.com
22. American D-Day
23. Heritage Foundation, Heritage Action, or any person communicating with an email address ending in @heritage.org or @heritageaction.com
24. FreedomWorks, or any person communicating with an email address ending in @freedomworks.org
25. Americans for Prosperity (AFP), or any person communicating with an email address ending in @americansforprosperity.org

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26. The National Rifle Association, Ackerman McQueen, or any person communicating with an email address ending in @nra.org, nra-ila.org, or am.com

SBA has performed a search of its records and no documents exist that are responsive to parts 1 and 2 of your request. SBA is releasing the attached documents that are responsive to parts 3 and 4 of your request. Redactions have been made pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6. FOIA Exemption 6 protects information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The redacted information consists of personal email addresses and cell phone numbers, and clearly falls under the protection of FOIA exemption 6.

If you are dissatisfied with the Agency's decision, you may file an administration appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter to:

Office of Hearings and Appeals
Attention: Delorice Ford, FOIA Office
409 3rd Avenue, SW – 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20416

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, the Office of Government Information Services ("OGIS"), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's Office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
ogis@nara.gov
ogis.archives.gov
202-741-5770
877-684-6448

Sincerely,

David A. Fishman
Senior Legal Counsel for FOIA and Privacy Act
Office of General Counsel
Small Business Administration

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From: Gray, Christopher S.
To: John.D.McEntee[redacted].gov
Subject: SBA - Resumes
Date: Friday, February 28, 2020 4:56:06 PM
Attachments: [redacted].pdf
Bill Manger Resume .doc

Hello John

Great seeing you again at the PPO & Cabinet Affairs meetings. Administrator Carranza asked that I share these resumes with you per your discussion earlier this week. If you have any questions please let me know.

Chris

Christopher S. Gray

Senior Advisor | White House Liaison
Office of the Administrator
O: (202) 205-6335 | C: [redacted]

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From: Threadgill, Emily K.
To: john.d.mcentee[redacted].gov
Subject: Call with Administrator Carranza
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:26:41 AM

Hi John,
I hope this email finds you well! Administrator Carranza would like to speak with you this afternoon. Are you available sometime after 4:30 pm? Please let me know when you have a moment. Thank you!
Emily

Emily Threadgill
Director of Scheduling and External Affairs
Small Business Administration

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From: Threadgill, Emily K.
To: McEntee, John D. II EOP/WHO
Cc: Forss, Katelin T. EOP/WHO
Subject: RE: Call with Administrator Carranza
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 1:13:59 PM

Thank you!

From: McEntee, John D. II EOP/WHO <John.D.McEntee[redacted].gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Threadgill, Emily K. <Emily.Threadgill@sba.gov>
Cc: Forss, Katelin T. EOP/WHO <Katelin.T.Forss[redacted].gov>
Subject: RE: Call with Administrator Carranza

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She can call me at 430pm. [redacted]

From: Threadgill, Emily K. <Emily.Threadgill@sba.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 1:12 PM
To: McEntee, John D. II EOP/WHO <John.D.McEntee[redacted].gov>
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From: McEntee, John D. II EOP/WHO
To: Gray, Christopher S.
Cc: Hayley, Jordan A. EOP/WHO (Intern); Smith, Jared L. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: SBA - Resumes
Date: Friday, February 28, 2020 5:48:03 PM

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Thanks Chris!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 28, 2020, at 4:56 PM, Gray, Christopher S. <Christopher.Gray@sba.gov> wrote:
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