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Washington, DC 20528

Homeland Security

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

March 10, 2023

Mehreen Rasheed
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW
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Re: **2021-HQFO-00031**

Dear Mr. Rasheed:

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated October 5, 2020, and received by this office on October 5, 2020. You are seeking records reflecting any directive, order, decision, protocols, or guidance regarding the deportation or removal of unaccompanied minors.
This includes but is not limited to any directive, order, decision, protocols, or guidance which addresses the following issues:
i. Whether these minors have any family residing within the United States who could serve as guardians or sponsors
ii. Whether these minors will receive any food, medical treatment, or shelter before their deportation or removal
iii. Whether these minors will have the opportunity to make an asylum claim before their deportation or removal
iv. Whether these minors have a safe place to be sent outside of the United States (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2020 To 10/6/2020).

This request was also submitted to USCIS, CBP, and ICE, and it was determined that these were the proper components to search for this information.

Nevertheless, we conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Office of the Executive Secretariate for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within ESEC that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(e)(2). Your envelope

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and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may send an e-mail to foia@hq.dhs.gov, call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 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.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to $25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the $25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Wolfrey

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Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management

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