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Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

March 9, 2021

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW
Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Re: **2021-HQFO-00612**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated March 02, 2021, and received by this office on March 2, 2021. You are seeking all records reflecting communications between (a) any of the DHS officials identified below and (b) any of the outside individuals specified below associated with We Build the Wall.

DHS Officials:

- a. Chad Wolf, former Acting Secretary and former Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans
- b. Ken Cuccinelli, former Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Deputy Secretary
- c. Chad Mizelle, former Acting General Counsel, former Acting Chief of Staff, and Former Deputy General Counsel
- d. John Gountanis, former Acting Chief of Staff

Outside Individuals:

- i. Brian Kolfage (including but not limited to email addresses: bkolfage@gmail.com or bkolfage@yahoo.com)
- ii. Stephen Bannon
- iii. Kris Kobach (including but not limited to email addresses: kkobach@gmail.com or kris@kriskobach.com)
- iv. Robert S. Spalding III
- v. John Daniel Moran, Jr.
- vi. Erik Prince
- vii. Curt Schilling
- viii. David Clarke, Jr.
- ix. Tom Tancredo (Date Range for Record Search: From 9/1/2019 To 8/31/2020).

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) has conducted a search for records responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

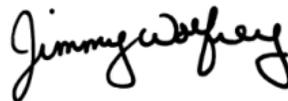
While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the listed offices that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655 or email to foia@hq.dhs.gov, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

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.

You may contact the DHS FOIA Public Liaison for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. 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.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to FOIA case number **2021-HQFO-00612**. This office can be reached at FOIA@hq.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Wolfrey
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management
(Acting)