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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Khahilia Shaw
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RE: Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request

Dear Ms. Shaw:

Our Office is in receipt of your request pursuant to the FOIA for the following:

1. All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) and all text message threads/conversations between (a) any of the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office officials listed below, and (b) U.S. Representative Gary Palmer or former Alabama Supreme Court Justice Glenn Murdock, or anyone communicating on their behalf.

South Carolina Attorney General Officials:

- a. Alan Wilson, Attorney General (or anyone communicating on their behalf, such as an assistant or scheduler)
 - b. Anyone serving as Chief of Staff to Attorney General Wilson
 - c. William Jeffrey “Jeff” Young, Chief Deputy Attorney General
 - d. Robert D. Cook, Solicitor General
 - e. Anyone serving as Deputy Solicitor General (including, but not limited to, James Emory Smith)
2. All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) and all text message threads/conversations sent or received by any of the Attorney General’s Office officials listed above containing any of the search terms listed below.

Search Terms

- i. “Gary Palmer”
- ii. “Representative Palmer”
- iii. “Rep. Palmer”

- iv. “Glenn Murdock”
- v. “Justice Murdock”

For the text message portion of request item 2, American Oversight requests that full text message threads/conversations be produced. For example, if Attorney General Wilson sent or received a text message referencing “Gary Palmer,” the complete thread/conversation spanning two days (48 hours) prior to the sending or receipt of the message through two days (48 hours) following the sending or receipt of the message should be produced, and not just the message containing the key term.

- 3. All records reflecting any summaries, memoranda, or analyses prepared or distributed by any personnel in the Office of the Attorney General regarding any legal action proposed, drafted, or circulated by any of the following individuals:
 - a. U.S. Representative James Michael “Mike” Johnson
 - b. U.S. Representative Gary Palmer
 - c. Former Justice Glenn Murdock

Please provide all responsive records from November 1, 2020, through February 1, 2021.

The records of the Office were searched, and there are no public records responsive to your request.

Sincerely yours,



Harley L. Kirkland
Assistant Deputy Attorney General