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Via Email

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Request No. 145-FOI-18430
SBL:EW

Dear Ms. Rasheed:

This is the response of the Civil Division, Department of Justice to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of communications between Director of the Federal Programs Branch Alexander Haas, or anyone communicating on his behalf, and individuals from specific interest groups from November 3, 2020 to the present. This Office received your request on February 2, 2022.

After a search of the Civil Division's records, this Office could locate no responsive records subject to the FOIA in its files. Accordingly, this Office is closing your request at this time.

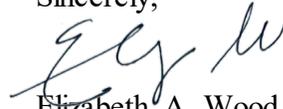
For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that we give to all our requesters. You should not take it as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 202-514-2319 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, 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 are not satisfied with the Civil Division's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20530-0001,

or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiastar.doj.gov>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ely W", written over the printed name.

Elizabeth A. Wood
Acting Chief
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