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Dear Mr. Wood:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following responsive records from January 1, 2020 through January 20, 2021:

1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent or received by any of the agency officials listed below containing any of the following key terms:

Key Terms:

- a. "Thomas Clerk"
- b. "Clerk World"
- c. "Ginni Thomas"
- d. Clanton
- e. Groundswell
- f. "Liberty Consulting"
- g. "CNP Action"
- h. "Council for National Policy"
- i. "Conservative Action Project"
- j. "United in Purpose"

- k. UIP
- l. Ziklag
- m. “Third Century Group”
- n. TCG

2. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) and text messages or messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, Twitter direct messages, Facebook messages, WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram, or Parler) between (a) the agency officials listed below or any person communicating on their behalf, such as schedulers or assistants, and (b) Virginia “Ginni” Thomas or any person communicating on her behalf, including but not limited to Crystal Clanton, communications from an email address ending in @libertyinc.co, or a phone number with the last four digits 8983.

**Agency Official(s):**

Civil Division:

- a. David Morrell, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- b. Jennifer Dickey, former Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Environment and Natural Resources Division:

- a. Eric Grant, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Office of the Solicitor General:

- a. Austin Raynor, Assistant to the Solicitor General

Executive Office for the United States Attorneys:

- a. David Bragdon, Assistant United States Attorney

The Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) received your request on October 13, 2022.

This office conducted a search of ENRD files for the ENRD official listed in your request, Eric Grant. No responsive email communications, text messages, or other requested record format were located for item one or item two of your request. Consistent with our search practice for similar key term search requests from your organization, ENRD’s search for email communications responsive to item one was limited to a key term search of the parent email communication.

There are no fees associated with the processing of your FOIA request.

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) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with ENRD'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, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. 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."

This concludes our response to your request. If you need any further assistance, please contact Madeline Van Nostrand at (202) 514-3473 or our FOIA Public Liaison Charles Smirolfo at (202) 514-0424. 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 it offers. The contact information for OGIS is 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](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1 (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Judy Harvey*

Judy Harvey  
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