



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20532

VIA U.S. MAIL or VIA EMAIL to foia@americanoversight.org

Mr. Hart Wood
American Oversight
1030 15th St NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005-1503

Re: OSG FOIA No. 2023 – 127922

Dear Mr. Wood:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 12, 2022 and received by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) on October 13, 2022, in which you requested:

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):

Office of the Solicitor General:

Austin Raynor, Assistant to the Solicitor General

All responsive records from January 1, 2020, through January 20, 2021.

Under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, an individual is entitled to receive access to certain materials in identifiable records. The primary pertinent records maintained by OSG relate to current or recent past United States Supreme Court cases in which the federal government has participated.

OSG completed its search for records responsive to the terms you specified. Based on our review, no responsive records were identified.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Coordinator at or at 202-514-2203, using the assigned FOIA tracking number (insert tracking number), or you may write to OSG at:

OSG FOIA Public Liaison
Office of the Solicitor General
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530-0009

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about FOIA mediation services they offer. 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

Email: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
Facsimile: 202-741-5769

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following web site:

<https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. 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,

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