



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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RE: Your FOIA Request to Treasury, Case Number 2023-FOIA-00029

Dear Mr. Wood:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, dated 10/13/2022. Your request is outlined as follows:

"Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing regulations of your agency, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and conservative activist, reportedly urged White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows to pursue avenues to overturn the results of the 2020 election.¹ American Oversight seeks records with the potential to shed light on whether and to what extent Ms. Thomas attempted to influence other federal officials during the Trump administration.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your agency produce the following records within twenty business days:

1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent or received by Brian Morrissey, former Principal Deputy General Counsel containing any of the following key terms:

Key Terms:

- a. "Justice Thomas"
- b. "Clarence Thomas"
- c. "Thomas Clerk"
- d. "Clerk World"
- e. "Ginni Thomas"
- f. Clanton
- g. Groundswell
- h. "Liberty Consulting"

- i. "CNP Action"
- j. "Council for National Policy"
- k. "Conservative Action Project"
- l. "United in Purpose"
- m. UIP
- n. Ziklag
- o. "Third Century Group"

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) Brian Morrissey, former Principal Deputy General Counsel, or any person communicating on his 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.

Please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2020, through January 20, 2021."

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. A search was conducted within the Treasury Departmental Offices for records responsive to your request. No records were located.

There are no fees assessed at this time since allowable charges fell below \$25.

You have the right to appeal this decision within 90 days from the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for your appeal. Please also cite the FOIA reference number noted above. Your appeal should be addressed to:

FOIA Appeal
FOIA and Transparency
Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

If you submit your appeal by mail, clearly mark the letter and the envelope with the words "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days from the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison for assistance via email at FOIAPL@treasury.gov, or via phone at (202) 622-8098. A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If the FOIA Public Liaison is unable to satisfactorily resolve your question or concern, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly by email at OGIS@nara.gov, by phone at (877) 684-6448, by fax at (202) 741-5769 or by mail at the address below:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Please note that contacting any agency official (including the FOIA analyst, FOIA Requester Service Center, FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90-day appeal clock.

You may reach me by phone at (202) 622-0930, extension 2; or by e-mail at FOIA@treasury.gov. Please reference FOIA case number 2023-FOIA-00029 when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

Cawana Pearson
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