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June 9, 2025

Office of Counsel

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request No. FP-25-020188

Via Email: foia@americanoversight.org

Ms. Elizabeth Haddix
American Oversight
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Haddix:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 14, 2025, seeking communications between U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' political appointees and representatives of Ballard Partners. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity (HECSA) received the request by email on May 14, 2025, and assigned Army tracking number FP-25-020183.

USACE conducted a search within the Headquarters Offices. The search produced no records responsive to the request as USACE (a major command under the Department of the Army) has no political appointees. According to my research, the Department of the Army has approximately seven political appointees, none of which are USACE employees.

For further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request you have the right to contact the USACE FOIA Public Liaison at foia-liaison@usace.army.mil or by calling (202) 761-0511. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: 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; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Finally, if you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to appeal the no records determination to the Secretary of the Army through this office. Any appeal should bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" and should be emailed to foiahq@usace.army.mil or sent to me at the address depicted on the letterhead above. Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this response.

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If you have any questions about this FOIA request, please contact Ms. Raye Thornton at Raye.L.Thornton@usace.army.mil or (703) 851-5757.

Sincerely,

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