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In Reply Refer to: 024
FOIA Request: 26-00072-GC

American Oversight
Attn: Ms. Emma Lewis
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Dear Ms. Lewis:

This letter is the Initial Agency Decision (IAD) to your April 2, 2026, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request sent to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Central Office's FOIA Service. You requested a copy of the following records be provided to American Oversight:

1. All conflicts or ethics waivers or authorizations, including authorizations pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, for each individual listed below, and any recusal determinations made or issued for these individuals.

    - VA Officials:

    a. Douglas Collins, Secretary
    b. Paul Lawrence, Deputy Secretary
    c. Curt Cashour, Chief of Staff
    d. Jen Burch, Deputy Chief of Staff
    e. Joshua Quill, Deputy Chief of Staff
    f. Shana Love-Holmon, Deputy Chief of Staff
    g. Lavin Gartland, White House Liaison and Senior Advisor
    h. Christopher Syrek, former Chief of Staff
    i. Cortney McCormick, Senior Advisor
    j. Howard Manuel, Deputy Senior Advisor
    k. Jane Che, Senior Advisor
    l. John Figueroa, Senior Advisor
    m. Karen Brazell, Senior Advisor
    n. Michael Stoddard, Senior Advisor
    o. Todd Hunter, former Acting Secretary and current Senior Advisor

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2. The resume provided by each individual listed above in part 1 of this request to the agency in connection with determining the appropriate salary for the individual, or, if that is not available, the most recent resume contained within your agency's records.

3. Copies of all SF-50 and SF-52 forms for each individual listed above in part 1 of this request reflecting any change in position or title, including when each individual entered or left a position.

On April 2, 2026, your request was received by the VACO FOIA Service and assigned FOIA Tracking number 26-17501-F. On April 8, 2026, your request was transferred to the Office of General Counsel's FOIA Office. Upon transferring your request, the FOIA tracking number has changed. The new FOIA Tracking Number that has been assigned to your FOIA request is **26-00072-GC** for processing. Please use FOIA Tracking number **26-00072-GC** when communicating with the Office General Counsel's FOIA Office.

Upon further review of your request, the information that you are seeking is publicly available in its entirety at the following website:

https://oge.gov/web/OGE.nsf/Officials%20Individual%20Disclosures%20Search%20Collection?OpenForm

FOIA Mediation

For any questions regarding the processing of this request, you have the right to seek assistance from the VA FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). As part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services. Similarly, as part of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, VA established a FOIA Public Liaison to offer mediation services. You may contact OGIS and the VA Public Liaison in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services:
E-mail Address: ogis@nara.gov
Fax: 202-741-5769
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 2510
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

VA FOIA Public Liaison:

VA FOIA Public Liaison	E-mail: FOIAHelp@va.gov
VACO FOIA Service and Oversight (005X6D)	Telephone: 877-750-3642
Compliance Risk and Remediation (CCR)	E-Fax: 202-632-7581
Office of Information and Technology (OIT)	Cell: 202-738-2974

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Appeal Rights
Please be advised that should you desire to do so; you may appeal the determination made in this response to:

Office of General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420
E-mail: ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov

If you should choose to file an appeal, please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly indicate the basis for your disagreement with the determination set forth in this response. Please be advised that in accordance with VA's implementing FOIA regulations at 38 C.F.R. § 1.559, your appeal must be postmarked no later than ninety (90) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

GREGORY DRAVES
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FOIA/Privacy Officer
Office of General Counsel

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