DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Washington DC 20420

April 14, 2026

In Reply Refer To: 001B
FOIA Request: 26-17603-F

Sent via Email: foia@americanoversight.org

Ms. Emma Lewis
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW
Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Lewis,

This is the Initial Agency Decision to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (OSVA) dated April 2, 2026, referred to this FOIA Office on April 9, 2026, and assigned FOIA tracking number **26-17603-F**. You requested from the timeframe of January 20, 2025 to August 31, 2025, "All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent by any of the officials listed below to any of the external entities listed below:

VBA Officials:

a. Margarita Devlin, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits
b. Sandra Flint, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits
c. Michael Frueh, former Acting Under Secretary for Benefits
d. Brandye Terrell, Chief of Staff
e. Teri McClelland, Deputy Chief of Staff

To:

Anyone communicating as or on behalf of a Member or Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, including, but not limited to, anyone communicating by using an email address that contains "house.gov"

Anyone communicating as or on behalf of a Senator or Committee of the U.S. Senate, including, but not limited to, anyone communicating by using an email address that contains "senate.gov"

Initial Agency Decision

For your information, OSVA searches and processes records only for the Office of the Secretary. A reasonable search was conducted and OSVA has determined no records were found to be responsive to your request. You were not assessed any fees.

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FOIA Mediation

As part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. Under the provisions of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, the following contact information is provided to assist FOIA requesters in resolving disputes:

VA Central Office FOIA Public Liaison:
Name: VACO FOIA Service
Email Address: FOIAHelp@va.gov

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)
Email Address: ogis@nara.gov

Mailing address:
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

FOIA Appeal

This concludes OSVA's Initial Agency Decision to request **26-17603-F.** Please be advised that should you desire to do so, you may appeal the determination made in this response to

Appeal by email: OGCfoiaappeals@va.gov
Office of General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

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,

REGINA OLANEGAN

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OSVA FOIA Officer

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