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Re: FOIA-2018-00030

Dear Ms. Murphy:

This is in response to your request dated October 7, 2017, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to –

1. Any and all records created or transmitted by or between White House staff, including but not limited to their email addresses ending in “who.eop.gov,” including by not limited to Jared Kushner, Stephen (Steve) Bannon, Reince Priebus, John F. Kelly, Justin Clark, George Sifakis, Andrew Giuliani, Bill Stepien, Stephen Munisteri, Jennifer Korn, Sarah Makin, Ivanka Trump, Gary Cohn, Jeremy Katz, Ashley Hickey Marquis and Dina Powell, and FTC’s Office of the Chairman, Offices of the Commissioners, Office of the Executive Director, Office of General Counsel, and the front offices of the Bureau of Competition and the Bureau of Consumer Protection.
2. Records describing the processing this request, including records sufficient to identify search terms used and locations and custodians searched, and any tracking sheets used to track the processing of this request; questionnaires or certifications completed by individual custodians or components to determine whether they possess responsive materials or to describe how they conducted searches; and any such records prepared in connection with the processing of this request.
3. The timeframe for the records sought: November 9, 2016 through the date that searches are conducted for records responsive to this FOIA request.

In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records as of October 10, 2017, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

Your request did not indicate an agreement to pay any fees associated with the processing of your request. However, the Commission’s fee regulations specify that fees less than \$25 will be waived. *See* 16 C.F.R. § 4.8(b)(4). Because the fees associated with the processing of your request did not exceed \$25, we have processed your request free of charge. In the future, please provide a fee agreement to facilitate the processing of your request.

We have located approximately 83 pages of responsive records. I am granting partial access to the accessible records. Portions of these pages fall within one or more of the exemptions to the FOIA’s disclosure requirements, as explained below.

Some responsive records contain staff analyses, opinions, and recommendations. Those portions are deliberative and pre-decisional and are an integral part of the agency's decision making process. They are exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements by FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). See *NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132 (1975).

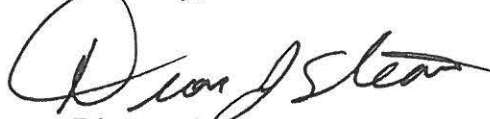
I am denying access to portions of the responsive records that contain personal contact information and/or other personal information. This information is exempt from release under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because individuals' right to privacy outweighs the general public's interest in seeing personal identifying information. See *The Lakin Law Firm v. FTC*, 352 F.3d 1122 (7th Cir. 2003).

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, or via email at FOIAAppeal@ftc.gov, within 90 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from the FTC FOIA Public Liaison Richard Gold via telephone at 202-326-3355 or via e-mail at rgold@ftc.gov; or from the Office of Government Information Services via email at ogis@nara.gov, via fax at 202-741-5769, or via mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740.

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Jacqueline Lightle at 202-326-3737.

Sincerely,



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