

Exhibit 5

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:

On July 22, 2020, I submitted a Freedom of Information Act request on behalf of The Transparency Project (“TTP”), and part of that request was assigned Case No. NFP-121995 by the FBI. In that request, I noted that on January 10, 2020, journalist Sharyl Attkisson filed suit in Maryland alleging that she was illegally surveilled by various government officials, including former U.S. Attorney and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. *See Plaintiff’s Complaint, Sharyl Attkisson, et al. v. Rod Rosenstein, et al.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-00068-JMC (D.Md.), available at <https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mdd.473998/gov.uscourts.mdd.473998.1.0.pdf>.

On behalf of TTP, I wish to renew my request for records about Ms. Attkisson, and I have attached two authorization forms signed by Ms. Attkisson. In particular, TTP previously sought and still seeks the following:

For each instance of surveillance described in Ms. Attkisson’s complaint, TTP wishes to view all documents, records, communications, and other tangible evidence (e.g., audio,

video, or metadata) identifying or revealing (1) the government contractor(s), employee(s), or representative(s) who authorized, conducted, and/or assisted the surveillance; and (2) the factual and/or legal rationale, if any, for conducting such surveillance. If, for example, the government sent a contractor or employee to Ms. Attkisson's home disguised as a Verizon employee, then documents reflecting that person's identity should be revealed. As used in this letter, "surveillance" includes, but is not limited to, efforts to wiretap or hack into the electronic devices or accounts of the targeted person or persons. This request further includes, but is not limited to, documents, records, or communications identifying (1) the government affiliates, agents, employees or contractors involved in such activities, and (2) the targets of any such activities.

By addressing this letter to the entities named above, TTP also seeks information from the inspectors general for each respective entity, *i.e.*, the Justice Department, CIA, NSA, and ODNI. By addressing this letter to the Office of the Attorney General, TTP seeks all relevant materials in that office or any other component of the Department of Justice.

TTP intends to use the requested information to educate the public about government misconduct, therefore I request a waiver of any fees. If charges will apply, please let me know the approximate amount of such charges in advance. I can be reached by email at tyclevenger@yahoo.com and I prefer to receive correspondence electronically.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ty Clevenger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ty Clevenger
Executive Director