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Mr. Schaerr:

This letter responds to your September 25, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. § 552) request received by the U.S. Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services on October 2, 2020, regarding 1. All agency records mentioning either EO 13526 § 1.7 or any subsection thereof; and 2. All agency records mentioning either EO 13526 § 1.8 or any subsection thereof. This Office assigned your request the above reference number.

This Office denies your request, as currently written, because it does not reasonably describe the records sought. A request must reasonably describe the Department records that are sought to enable Department personnel to begin a search for responsive records. Such details may include the subject, timeframe, names of any individuals involved, a contract number (if applicable), and reasons why the requester believes the Department may have records regarding the subject of the request. See 22 CFR 171.4(b).

If you are not satisfied with this Office's determination in response to your request, you may administratively appeal to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Suite B266, Washington, D.C. 20520; or facsimile at 202-485-1718. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison by email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at 202-261-8484. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wayne Evans, for  
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