

Exhibit 6

Kevin Schmidt

From: Kevin Schmidt
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 2:42 PM
To: foia@hq.dhs.gov
Subject: RE: [ACTION NEEDED] Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2022-HQFO-01004

Good afternoon,

I'd appreciate a status update on FOIA request FOIA 2022-HQFO-01004. We consider the request received and perfected as of May 5, 2022, and therefore the statutory deadline is June 17, 2022. We are expecting a timely response by the date.

Given the level of interest in these records, does DHS have a plan for releasing records about this subject in a timely manner on its public website? If so, will this release fully respond to all our request items? Please let me know if the agency is willing to discuss a timeline for release if that is an option.

Thank you and let me know if further clarification is necessary.

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From: Kevin Schmidt <KSchmidt@afphq.org>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 1:44 PM
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Subject: RE: [ACTION NEEDED] Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2022-HQFO-01004

Good afternoon,

Thank you for reaching out about this request. In response to your proposed narrowing on item 1 which seeks records regarding the formation of the Disinformation Governance Board:

- We do not wish to narrow the category of records in item 1 only to “records of communications.” Most of the records we cite on that request item are not communications, even if they may be contained in them (e.g., the Board’s charter and funding sources).
- We accept the list of DHS offices, proposed categories of records custodians, and timeframe of Jan. 1, 2022 to May, 18, 2022 in regards to item 1, and only for item 1.

Items 2 and 3 should be processed as written without modifications to time frame, custodians, or scope.

Given the level of interest in these records, does DHS have a plan for releasing these records in a timely manner? Please let me know if the agency is willing to discuss a timeline for release if that is an option.

Thank you and let me know if further clarification is necessary.

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From: foia@hq.dhs.gov <foia@hq.dhs.gov>
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Subject: [ACTION NEEDED] Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2022-HQFO-01004

Good Afternoon,

We have unsuccessfully attempted to contact via phone to discuss your FOIA request. We wanted to reach out to you to ask if you would be willing to narrow your request. For item 1, we wanted to ask if you would like to limit your search to specific DHS Offices and a timeframe from **January 1, 2022- May 18, 2022.**

Suggested request for item 1.

All related records of communication regarding the Disinformation Governance Board from any official or employee of DHS at the at the GS 15, SES and Political appointee level from the following DHS offices:

The Office of the Secretary
The Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3)
The Office of the General Counsel
The Office of Policy

Please confirm if you'd like to amend your request to the proposed records for item 1.

Current request

1. All records regarding the formation of the Disinformation Governance Board including but not limited to its:
 - a. Charter
 - b. Principles
 - c. Mission and goals
 - d. Membership or staffing

- e. Funding sources*
- f. Scope of authority*
- g. Statutory authority for formation*
- h. Participation of members of the Homeland Security Advisory Council*

2. All internal and external e-mail communications sent to or by the following DHS employees, including through any alias accounts, regarding the Board or its activities:

- a. Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas*
- b. Any member of the Board, including but not limited to:*
 - i. Board Executive Director Nina Jankowicz*
 - ii. Undersecretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans Rob Silvers*
 - iii. Principal Deputy General Counsel Jennifer Gaskill*
- c. Any person assigned to or doing work for the Board*
- d. Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Katherine Culliton-Gonzalez*
- e. Acting Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Melissa Smislova*
- f. Chief of Staff Kristie Canegallo*
- g. Executive Secretary Kimberly O'Connor*

3. All records reflecting violations of fundamental rights or raising the need to establish the Board to protect against alleged threats to or violations of fundamental rights, as referenced by Secretary Mayorkas in a hearing before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security on May 4, 2022

Regards,

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