Jimmy Tobias filed this request with the Department of Commerce of the United States of America. DOC-OS-2022-Tracking #

001218

Submitted	April 1, 2022
Due	April 29, 2022
Est. Completion	None

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From: Jimmy Tobias 04/03/2022 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Don Graves Commerce Solar Portal To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Deputy Secretary Don Graves and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any

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communications between Graves and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

I am a reporter for The Nation magazine

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

From: Department of Commerce	04/03/2022
Subject: FOIAonline Password Changed	Portal
Dear Jimmy Tobias <requests@muckrock.com>, Your password has been updated per your request. You can change your password in the future profile page. If you believe you received this email in error or need additional assistance, please contact the F Help Desk. (mailto:foia.help@epa.gov) Thank you! FOIAonline Team (mailto:foia.help@epa.gov)</requests@muckrock.com>	
From: Department of Commerce	04/04/2022
Subject: FOIA Request DOC-OS-2022-001218 Submitted	Portal
This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: View Reques	t. Request

information is as follows: (https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/submissionDetails? trackingNumber=DOC-OS-2022-001218&type=request)

* Tracking Number: DOC-OS-2022-001218 * Requester Name:

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* Date Submitted: 04/03/2022

- * Request Status: Submitted
- * Description:

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Deputy Secretary Don Graves and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any communications between Graves and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

I am a reporter for The Nation magazine

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Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

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From: Department of Commerce

Subject: FOIA Tracking Number Change for request DOC-OS-2022-001218 (to DOC-IOS-2022-001218)

The FOIA request DOC-OS-2022-001218 has had its Tracking Number changed to DOC-IOS-2022-001218. This is normally due to the request being transferred to another agency (for example, EPA to Dept. of Commerce) or to a sub-agency to process it. Additional details for this request are as follows:

04/05/2022

* Old Tracking Number:

- DOC-OS-2022-001218
- * New Tracking Number:
- DOC-IOS-2022-001218
- * Requester Name:
- Jimmy Tobias
- * Date Submitted:
- 04/03/2022
- * Long Description:
- To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Deputy Secretary Don Graves and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any communications between Graves and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

I am a reporter for The Nation magazine

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made

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In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

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From: Department of Commerce	04/06/2022
Subject: FOIA Fee Waiver Disposition Reached for DOC-IOS-2022-001218	Portal
Your request for Fee Waiver for the FOIA request DOC-IOS-2022-001218 has been fully granted.	
* Fee Waiver Original Justification: I am a reporter for The Nation magazine	
The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not for commercial purposes. * Fee Waiver Disposition Reason: N/A	ot being made

From: Jimmy Tobias	05/26/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-OS-2022-001218	Portal
Hello,	
Can you please provide an estimated date of completion for this request, DOC-IOS-2022-0012182	?
Thank you.	

Jimmy Tobias

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-OS-2022-001218	Ema
Hi Mr. Tobias,	
Thank you for your status email regarding named FOIA request. The IOS FOIA analyst w email. If you have any further questions or concerns, you may reach out to me at BParsons@doc.gov <mailto:bparsons@doc.gov>.</mailto:bparsons@doc.gov>	ill be sending a statu
Thank You,	
Bobbie	
Bobbie Parsons	
FOIA Officer, Immediate Office of the Secretary	
Office of Privacy and Open Government	
Phone: 202-482-3257	
Email: BParsons@doc.gov	

Email

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-OS-2022-001218

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Did the IOS FOIA Analyst ever send a follow up email regarding an estimated date of completion?

Please let me know and thanks.

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Tracking #	DOC-ITA-2022- 001217
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Submitted	April 1, 2022
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From: Jimmy Tobias	04/03/2022
Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Marisa Lago Commerce Solar Industry	Portal
To Whom It May Concern:	
Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:	
Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Und	er Secretary
Marisa Lago and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated w	ith the
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American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any communications between Lago and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

I am a reporter for The Nation magazine

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Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

From: Department of Commerce	04/04/2022
Subject: FOIA Request DOC-OS-2022-001217 Submitted	Portal
This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: View Request information is as follows: (https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/submissionDetails? trackingNumber=DOC-OS-2022-001217&type=request)	t. Request
* Tracking Number: DOC-OS-2022-001217 * Requester Name: Jimmy Tobias * Date Submitted: 04/03/2022 * Request Status: Submitted * Description: To Whom It May Concern:	
Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:	
Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Under Marisa Lago and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes	h the

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Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

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From: Department of Commerce	04/12/2022
Subject: DOC-ITA-2022-001217 Acknowledgment Letter	Portal
Mr. Tobias,	
You will find your acknowledgment letter attached to this email.	
Please contact ITA if you have any questions or concerns.	
Thank you,	
Adrienne Waite	
FOIA Analyst	
Management Operations Division	
International Trade Administration	
U.S. Department of Commerce	
Adrienne.Waite@trade.gov <mailto:adrienne.waite@trade.gov></mailto:adrienne.waite@trade.gov>	
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From: Department of Commerce	04/14/2022
Subject: DOC-ITA-2022-001217	Portal
Good Afternoon Mr. Tobias,	
I have a few questions regarding your request. In your request you seek communications be Secretary Marisa Lago and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agent the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. Can domains you seek are @cleanpower.org and @seia.org?	ts affiliated with
Also, you seek communications between U/S Lago and Katharine MacGregor. Is she associa @cleanpower.org or @seia.org or is there another domain? Can you confirm the domain?	ted with
Thank you,	
Adrienne Waite FOIA Analyst	
Management Operations Division	
International Trade Administration	
U.S. Department of Commerce	

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Adrienne.Waite@trade.gov<mailto:Adrienne.Waite@trade.gov>

From: Jimmy Tobias	04/14/2
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-ITA-2022-001217	N
Yes, those are the correct addresses. I would also like any contact between Ms. Lago and the so lobbyists at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP	olar industr
Katharine MacGregor is associated with NextEra Energy otherwise known as Florida Power a Thank you.	and Light.
Thank you!	
Jimmy	
From: Department of Commerce	05/03/2
Subject: RE: DOC-ITA-2022-001217	Po
Mr. Tobias,	
I'm reaching out to you again regarding your request. In order for ITA to properly conduct a sea request, we need specific domains, emails, and names.	arch for you
Please provide the requested information.	
If you have any questions, please let me know.	
Thank you,	
Adrienne Waite	
FOIA Analyst	
Management Operations Division	
International Trade Administration	
U.S. Department of Commerce	
Adrienne.Waite@trade.gov <mailto:adrienne.waite@trade.gov></mailto:adrienne.waite@trade.gov>	
From: Department of Commerce	05/04/2
Tom. Department of commerce	05/04/2

Mr. Tobias,

It was a pleasure to speak to you this afternoon.

Per our conversation, your request seeks communications between Under Secretary Marisa Lago and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and the Solar Energy Industries Association. Can you confirm that you would like ITA to conduct a search for domains @cleanpower.org and @seia.org?

You also seek communications between Under Secretary Marisa Lago and Katharine MacGregor. Can you also confirm that you would like ITA to conduct a search for Katharine MacGregor using the following domains, @nexteraenergy.com and @fpl.com?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Adrienne Waite FOIA Analyst Management Operations Division International Trade Administration U.S. Department of Commerce Adrienne.Waite@trade.gov<mailto:Adrienne.Waite@trade.gov>

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From: Jimmy Tobias	05/26/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-ITA-2022-001217	Portal
Yes, confirmed, in case you didn't get my previous email. Thank you!	
Can you also please provide an estimated date of completion for this request?	
Thank you.	
Jimmy Tobias	

From: Department of Commerce	05/26/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-ITA-2022-001217	Email
Hi Mr. Tobias,	
Thank you for your email for status of your FOIA request being processed by the International Tra Administration (ITA). I have forwarded your request to the FOIA Officer for ITA. A status email will the ITA analyst processing your request. Thanks, Bobbie	
Bobbie Parsons	
FOIA Officer, Immediate Office of the Secretary	
Office of Privacy and Open Government	
Phone: 202-482-3257	
Email: BParsons@doc.gov	

From: Jimmy Tobias	06/24/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-ITA-2022-001217	Email
Hello,	
Can you please provide an estimated completion date for this request, DOC-ITA-2022-001217?	
Jimmy	

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE International Trade Administration Washington, DC 20230

April 11, 2022

Jimmy Tobias MuckRock News DEPT MR 127035 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

127035-47256489@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Tobias:

This letter serves as acknowledgement of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the International Trade Administration (ITA), on April 4, 2022. ITA has assigned FOIA tracking number, **DOC-ITA-2022-001217**. Please reference this number on all communications regarding this request.

In your request, you seek:

"Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Under Secretary Marisa Lago and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any communications between Lago and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021."

In your request, you are also seeking a fee waiver under 15 C.F.R. § 4.11(l). The FOIA directs agencies to furnish records without any charge or at a reduced charge if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii)).

Requests for fee waivers must be considered on a case-by-case basis and address the requirements for a fee waiver in sufficient detail for the agencies to make an informed decision. In determining whether the statutory requirements are met, agencies shall consider the following factors. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 4.11(l)(2).



- 1. The subject matter of the requested records must specifically concern identifiable operations or activities of the government. A request for access to records for their informational content alone does not satisfy this factor.
- 2. For the disclosure to be "likely to contribute" to an understanding of specific government operations or activities, the releasable material must be meaningfully informative in relation to the subject matter of the request.
- 3. The disclosure must contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the understanding of the requester or a narrow segment of interested persons. One's status as a representative of the news media alone is not enough.
- 4. The disclosure must contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.
- 5. The extent to which disclosure will serve the requester's commercial interest, if any.
- 6. The extent to which the identified public interest in the disclosure outweighs the requester's commercial interest.

The statement provided in your request for a fee waiver pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 4.11(l) does contain sufficient evidence to support a finding that such factors exist. Therefore, your fee waiver is granted.

In accordance with 15 C.F.R. §§ 4.10(a) and (b), you have the right to appeal this determination within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Department deems appeals arriving after normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday) as received on the next normal business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely. The appeal should include a copy of the original request, this response, and a statement of the reasons why you consider the Department made this determination in error. Please mail written appeals to:

Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation, and Information U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room 5896 Washington, D.C. 20230

You may send an appeal by e-mail to <u>FOIAAppeals@doc.gov</u>, or through FOIAonline at <u>https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home</u> if you have a FOIAonline account. Clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal", in the e-mail subject line, or on both the appeal letter and envelope.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact the analyst who processed your request, Adrienne Waite at <u>Adrienne.Waite@trade.gov</u>.

You may also contact ITA's FOIA Public Liaison, using the following information:

Mayank Bishnoi FOIA Officer Office of the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer International Trade Administration 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 40003 Washington, D.C. 20230 foia@trade.gov

In addition, you may seek FOIA mediation services offered by the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS using the following information:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001 email: ogis@nara.gov

Sincerely,

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Adrienne Waite FOIA Analyst International Trade Administration

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Submitted Due	April 26, 2022 May 26, 2022	I am a reporter for The Guardian and The Nation, among other outlets. The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.	
Est. Completion STATUS Awaiting Respon	None	In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD ROM if not.	
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From: Department of Commerce	04/27/202
Subject: FOIA Request DOC-OS-2022-001458 Submitted	Portal
This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: View Request. information is as follows: (https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/submissionDetails? trackingNumber=DOC-OS-2022-001458&type=request)	Request
* Tracking Number: DOC-OS-2022-001458	
* Requester Name:	
Jimmy Tobias	
* Date Submitted: 04/26/2022	
* Request Status: Submitted	
* Description:	
To Whom It May Concern:	
Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:	
Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Under S Marisa Lago and any lobbyists, lawyers or other staffers affiliated with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer &	

This requests seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

Case 1:22-cv-02141-JEB Document 1-1 Filed 07/20/22 Page 13 of 43 I am a reporter for The Guardian and The Nation, among other outlets.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

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From: Department of Commerce	
Subject: FOIA Request DOC-ITA-2022-001458	Portal
Mr. Tobias,	
The International Trade Administration (ITA) has received your request seeking the following re	cords:
"Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Und Marisa Lago and any lobbyists, lawyers or other staffers affiliated with Akin Gump Strauss Haue This requests seeks records produced since January 20, 2021."	-
ITA has assigned FOIA tracking number, DOC-ITA-2022-001458.	
In order for ITA to properly conduct a search, can you provide a list of individuals of Akin Gump & Feld LLP you are interested in?	Straus Hauer
If you have any questions, please let me know.	
Thank you,	
Adrienne Waite	
FOIA Analyst	
Management Operations Division	
International Trade Administration	
U.S. Department of Commerce	

From: Jimmy Tobias	05/27/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-ITA-2022-001458	Portal
Hi Adrienne,	
The email domain to search for is here: @akingump.com	
Thank you! Please confirm receipt of this note.	
Jimmy	
From Doportment of Commons	05/27/2022
From: Department of Commerce	05/27/2022
Subject: DOC-ITA-2022-001458 Acknowledgment Letter	Email

Mr. Tobias,

You will find your acknowledgment letter attached to this email.

Case 1:22-cv-02141-JEB Document 1-1 Filed 07/20/22 Page 14 of 43 Please contact ITA if you have any questions or concerns.

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Thank you,	
Adrienne Waite	
FOIA Analyst	
Management Operations Division	
International Trade Administration	
U.S. Department of Commerce	
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From: Jimmy Tobias	06/24/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-ITA-2022-001458	Email
Hello,	
Can you please provide a estimated completion date for DOC-ITA-2022-001458?	

Jimmy

From: Department of Commerce	06/24/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-ITA-2022-001458	Email
Mr. Tobias,	
Your request is being processed. At this time, I cannot provide a completion date. However, we w updated.	vill keep you
Thank you,	
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May 27, 2022

Jimmy Tobias MuckRock News DEPT MR 128047 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

128047-32202207@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Tobias:

This letter serves as acknowledgement of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the International Trade Administration (ITA), on May 6, 2022. ITA has assigned FOIA tracking number, **DOC-ITA-2022-001458**. Please reference this number on all communications regarding this request.

In your request, you seek:

"Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Under Secretary Marisa Lago and any lobbyists, lawyers or other staffers affiliated with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021."

On May 26, 2022, you asked ITA to search for the email domain @akingump.com.

In your request, you are also seeking a fee waiver under 15 C.F.R. § 4.11(1). The FOIA directs agencies to furnish records without any charge or at a reduced charge if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii)).

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- 1. The subject matter of the requested records must specifically concern identifiable operations or activities of the government. A request for access to records for their informational content alone does not satisfy this factor.
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- 3. The disclosure must contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the understanding of the requester or a narrow segment of interested persons. One's status as a representative of the news media alone is not enough.
- 4. The disclosure must contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.
- 5. The extent to which disclosure will serve the requester's commercial interest, if any.
- 6. The extent to which the identified public interest in the disclosure outweighs the requester's commercial interest.

The statement provided in your request for a fee waiver pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 4.11(l) does contain sufficient evidence to support a finding that such factors exist. Therefore, your fee waiver is granted.

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Sincerely,

Adrienne Waite

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This request needs to be narrowed - modification comments - please provide Ameri Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association email addresses or the d OCIO can conduct the search. "Any and all written or electronic communications" is Let me know if you are willing to modify the request to seek electronic communicat and news clips. Waiving attachments and news clips will not prevent you from mak particular attachment if it is of interest. Also, modification will likely return faster re	domain name so that s very broad description. tions waiving attachments ting a FOIA request for a
Thank you,	
Olga Colacicco Sr FOIA Analyst	
U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration	

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From: Jimmy Tobias	06/25/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-OS-2022-001641	Portal
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May 23^{rd,} 2022

Jimmy Tobias MuckRock News DEPT MR 128930 263 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115 128930-78839763@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Tobias:

This letter serves as acknowledgment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May, 16th, 2022 received by the Department of Commerce (Department), International Trade Administration (ITA) on May, 16th, 2022. Your FOIA request has been assigned FOIA tracking number **DOC-ITA-2022-001641**. Please reference this number on all communications regarding this request.

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For the purpose of assessing fees on this FOIA request, you are being considered a "news media" requestor. Requesters in this category are charged for duplication only. In your letter, you agreed to pay up to \$0.00 in fees. We will notify you if fees exceed the agreed upon amount. If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me at <u>foia@trade.gov</u>.

In your request, you are also seeking a fee waiver under 15 C.F.R. § 4.11(l). The FOIA directs agencies to furnish records without any charge or at a reduced charge if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester (5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii)).

Requests for fee waivers must be considered on a case-by-case basis and address the requirements for a fee waiver in sufficient detail for the agencies to make an informed decision.



In determining whether the statutory requirements are met, agencies shall consider the following factors. See 15 C.F.R. 4.11(l)(2).

- 1. The subject matter of the requested records must specifically concern identifiable operations or activities of the government. A request for access to records for their informational content alone does not satisfy this factor.
- 2. For the disclosure to be "likely to contribute" to an understanding of specific government operations or activities, the releasable material must be meaningfully informative in relation to the subject matter of the request.
- 3. The disclosure must contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the understanding of the requester or a narrow segment of interested persons. One's status as a representative of the news media alone is not enough.
- 4. The disclosure must contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.
- 5. The extent to which disclosure will serve the requester's commercial interest, if any.
- 6. The extent to which the identified public interest in the disclosure outweighs the requester's commercial interest.

The statement provided in your request for a fee waiver pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 4.11(l) did not contain sufficient evidence to support a finding that such factors exist. Therefore, your fee waiver is **denied**.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact the analyst who processed your request, Olga Colacicco, at <u>olga.colacicco@trade.gov</u>.

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Sincerely,

Olga Colacicco

Olga Colacicco FOIA Analyst International Trade Administration



Fwd: FOIA Cases: DOC-ITA-2022-001641, DOC-ITA-2022-001642, DOC-ITA-2022-001643, and DOC-ITA-2022-001644

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------Forwarded message ------From: **Olga Colacicco** <<u>Olga.Colacicco@trade.gov></u> Date: Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 2:56 PM Subject: RE: FOIA Cases: DOC-ITA-2022-001641, DOC-ITA-2022-001642, DOC-ITA-2022-001643, and DOC-ITA-2022-001644 To: Jimmy Tobias <<u>jtoby87@gmail.com></u>, Bianca Kegler <<u>Bianca.Kegler@trade.gov></u>

Hi Mr. Tobias,

Thank you for taking your time and having a call with us today. I want to follow up with you to recollect all the information we went over and agreed to modify:

DOC-ITA-2022-001641 – Original request: Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Deputy Under Secretary Diane Farrell and any officials, lobbyists, representatives or other staffers or agents affiliated with the American Clean Power Association and/or the Solar Energy Industries Association. This includes any communications between Lago and Katharine MacGregor, the former Interior DepSec and now a lobbyist. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2020.

The requester to provide American Clean Power Association and the Solar Energy Industries Association email addresses or the domain names: American Clean Power Association: @cleanpower.org; The Solar Energy Industries Association: @seia.org. Florida Power and Light email domain for Katharine MacGregor: @fpl.com

Key words: China, Chinese, anti-dumping, solar industry, solar industries, trade rules, Uyghurs, Xinjiang, Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam

Solar companies being probed: JinkoSolar, JA Solar, LONGi Solar, Trina Solar, BYD, Hanwha Q Cells, Canadian Solar, SEIA; another company: Auxin Solar

DOC-ITA-2022-001642 – Original request: Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, between Deputy Under Secretary Diane Farrell and any lobbyists, lawyers or other staffers affiliated with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. This requests seeks records produced since January 20, 2020.

The requester to provide Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP email addresses or the domain name: Akin Gump: @akingump.com

Key words: China, Chinese, anti-dumping, solar industry, solar industries, trade rules, Uyghurs, Xinjiang, Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam

Solar companies being probed: JinkoSolar, JA Solar, LONGi Solar, Trina Solar, BYD, Hanwha Q Cells, Canadian Solar, SEIA; another company: Auxin Solar

DOC-ITA-2022-001643 – Original request: Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent or received by Under Secretary Marisa Lago that contain one or more of the following key words or phrases: "SEIA", "Xinjiang", "MacGregor", "ACPA", "JA Solar", "JinkoSolar", "Trina Solar", "Canadian Solar", "Hanwha Q Cells", and/or "Akin". This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

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DOC-ITA-2022-001644 – Original request: Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent or received by Deputy Diane Farrell that contain one or more of the following key words or phrases: "SEIA", "Xinjiang", "MacGregor", "ACPA", "JA Solar", "JinkoSolar", "Trina Solar", "Canadian Solar", "Hanwha Q Cells", and/or "Akin". This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2021.

In addition, after being informed that waiving attachments and news clips will not prevent you from being able to make a FOIA request for a particular attachment if it is of interest, you have agreed to waive news clips to all the above referenced requests.

Please let me know if this accurately reflecting our conversations earlier today.

Thank you,

Olga

From: Jimmy Tobias <jtoby87@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:08 PM To: Olga Colacicco <Olga.Colacicco@trade.gov>; Bianca Kegler <Bianca.Kegler@trade.gov> Subject: Re: FOIA Cases: DOC-ITA-2022-001641, DOC-ITA-2022-001642, DOC-ITA-2022-001643, and DOC-ITA-2022-001644

Here is the information per our call:

Florida Power and Light email domain for Katharine MacGregor: @fpl.com

Solar companies being probed: JinkoSolar, JA Solar, LONGi Solar, Trina Solar, BYD, Hanwha Q Cells, Canadian Solar, SEIA

Another company: Auxin Solar

Key words: China, Chinese, anti-dumping, solar industry, solar industries, trade rules, Uyghurs, Xinjiang, Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam

On Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 12:06 PM Olga Colacicco < Olga.Colacicco@trade.gov> wrote:

Thank you for providing this information. We are looking forward speaking with you shortly.

From: Jimmy Tobias <jtoby87@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:58 AM To: Bianca Kegler <Bianca.Kegler@trade.gov> Cc: Olga Colacicco <Olga.Colacicco@trade.gov> Subject: Re: FOIA Cases: DOC-ITA-2022-001641, DOC-ITA-2022-001642, DOC-ITA-2022-001643, and DOC-ITA-2022-001644

Hello,

In anticipation of our call today, here are the email address domains you asked for:

American Clean Power Association: @cleanpower.org

The Solar Energy Industries Association: @seia.org

Akin Gump: @akingump.com

I look forward to speaking with you shortly.

Jimmy Tobias

On Wed, May 25, 2022 at 4:33 PM Bianca Kegler <Bianca.Kegler@trade.gov> wrote:

Mr. Tobias,

Thank you for your response. We have availability tomorrow, May 26, 2022, at 1pm and Wednesday June 1, 2022, at 1pm to discuss your requests. Please let us know which date and time works best for you. In preparation for our meeting please note that we are seeking the following for each request:

• DOC-ITA-2022-001641

 The requester to provide American Clean Power Association and the Solar Energy Industries Association email addresses or the domain names

• DOC-ITA-2022-001642

• The requester to provide Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP email addresses or the domain name

• DOC-ITA-2022-001643

Modification of the request to seek electronic communications

• DOC-ITA-2022-001644

Modification of the request to seek electronic communications

Please also let us know if you are willing to waive news clips and attachments for all of the requests. Waiving attachments and news clips will not prevent you from being able to make a foia request for a particular attachment if it is of interest.

If possible please provide the requested information prior to our meeting. Thank you and we look forward to speaking with you soon.

Bianca Kegler, Esq.

FOIA Analyst

U.S. Department of Commerce

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Washington, D.C. 20230

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To: Olga Colacicco <Olga.Colacicco@trade.gov> Subject: My FOIA Requests

Hi Olga,

Thank you very much for the note. Scheduling a call would work great, and we can discuss the requests. When might be a good time for you to chat?

Thank you.

Jimmy Tobias

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Sincerely,

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May 16, 2022

July 18, 2022

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE International Trade Administration Washington, DC 20230

May 23rd, 2022

Jimmy Tobias MuckRock News DEPT MR 128931 263 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

128931-26137251@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Tobias:

This letter serves as acknowledgment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May, 16th, 2022 received by the Department of Commerce (Department), International Trade Administration (ITA) on May, 16th, 2022. Your FOIA request has been assigned FOIA tracking number **DOC-ITA-2022-001642**. Please reference this number on all communications regarding this request.

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- Tracking Number: DOC-OS-2022-001643 * Requester Name:
- **Jimmy Tobias**
- * Date Submitted: 05/16/2022
- * Request Status: Submitted
- * Description:
- To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

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Subject: DOC-ITA-2022-001643	Portal
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Thank you,	
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From: Jimmy Tobias	06/25/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-OS-2022-001643	Portal
Hello,	
Can you provide an estimated completion date for DOC-ITA-2022-001643?	
Jimmy Tobias	

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May 23^{rd,} 2022

Jimmy Tobias MuckRock News DEPT MR 128932 263 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

128932-58027069@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Tobias:

This letter serves as acknowledgment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May, 16th, 2022 received by the Department of Commerce (Department), International Trade Administration (ITA) on May, 16th, 2022. Your FOIA request has been assigned FOIA tracking number **DOC-ITA-2022-001643**. Please reference this number on all communications regarding this request.

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The statement provided in your request for a fee waiver pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 4.11(l) did not contain sufficient evidence to support a finding that such factors exist. Therefore, your fee waiver is **denied**.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact the analyst who processed your request, Olga Colacicco, at <u>olga.colacicco@trade.gov</u>.

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Sincerely,

Olga Colacicco

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Tracking # DOC-OS-2022- 001644	Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:	
Submitted May 16, 2022	Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent Diane Farrell that contain one or more of the following key words or phrases: "SEIA", "	
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Subject: DOC-ITA-2022-001641; DOC-ITA-2022-001642; DOC-ITA-2022-001643; DOC-ITA-2022-001644	Portal
Mr. Tobias,	
Since we need to discuss four different FOIA Online requests, please let me know if we can you would rather communicate regarding your requests separately via emails.	schedule a call, or
Please let me know at your earlier convenience which works best for you.	

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From: Jimmy Tobias	05/26/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-OS-2022-001644	Portal
Hi Olga,	
Thank you very much for the note. Scheduling a call would work great, and we can discuss the When might be a good time for you to chat?	requests.
Thank you.	
Jimmy Tobias	
From: Department of Commerce	05/26/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-OS-2022-001644	Email
Hi Mr. Tobais,	
Thank you for your email for a status of your named FOIA request. I have forwarded your email status to the FOIA Officer of the International Trade Administration (ITA), Mr. Bishnoi. The ITA, you a respond to the status of your FOIA request.	
Thank You,	
Bobbie	
Bobbie Parsons	
FOIA Officer, Immediate Office of the Secretary	
Office of Privacy and Open Government	
Phone: 202-482-3257	

From: Muckrock Staff	06/27/2022
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #DOC-OS-2022-001644	Email
To Whom It May Concern:	
wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information Act request, copied bel submitted on May 16, 2022. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a respons reference number #DOC-OS-2022-001644.	, ,
Fhanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.	

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May 23, 2022

Jimmy Tobias MuckRock News DEPT MR 128933 263 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115

128933-97170414@requests.muckrock.com

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