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**Ref: F-2023-02497, Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement**

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**A\_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov** <A\_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov>Wed, Dec 7, 2022 at  
1:55 PM

To: FOIA@aflegal.org

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Mr. Sanderson:

This email acknowledges receipt of your December 6, 2022, 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 December 6, 2022, regarding for Funding Opportunity Number SFOP0008867: 1. All records of the Notice of Funding Opportunity; 2. All records of Notices of Award; 3. All records of Applications submitted for which funding was awarded; 4. All records of grant agreements, cooperative agreements, other agreements for assistance covered in § 200.40 Federal financial assistance of the OMB Uniform Grant Guidance; 5. All records of Reporting received from Recipients during the post award phase, including closeout; and 6. All records of Audits conducted during the post award phase. B. All records relating to or regarding the processing of the above items. Unless you advise otherwise, we will treat as non-responsive any compilations of publicly available news reports and any publicly available documents not created by the U.S. government, such as mass-distribution emails from news media. This Office assigned your request the subject reference number and placed it in the complex processing track where it will be processed as quickly as possible. See 22 CFR § 171.11(h). This Office grants your request for a fee waiver.

This Office will not be able to respond within the 20 days provided by the statute due to “unusual circumstances.” See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). In this instance, the unusual circumstances include the need to search for and collect requested records from other Department offices or Foreign Service posts.

If you have any questions regarding your request, would like to narrow the scope or arrange an alternative time frame to speed its processing, or would like an estimated date of completion, 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.

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To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 10:04 PM

Good evening,

May we please receive an update on the status of this request?

Thank you,

Michael Ding  
America First Legal Foundation

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To: AFL FOIA <foia@aflegal.org>

Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 1:38 PM

Mr. Ding,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA Case Control Number F-2023-02497.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates this request is still in process. Mr. Sanderson will be notified of the Department's search and review efforts in response to this request as soon as that information becomes available.

The Department currently has a backlog of FOIA requests and is working through it as quickly as possible. As the Department continues to work through its backlog of FOIA requests, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

We appreciate your continued patience.

If you have further questions or any concerns regarding a FOIA-related matter, you may contact the FOIA Requester Service Center via email at [FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov).

Regards,

U.S. Department of State  
FOIA Requester Service Center

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