

# Exhibit A

State Department FOIA Request

October 17, 2023

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

-All emails or text messages to or from Special Envoy for Iran Robert Malley and any of the following individuals: Ariane Tabatabai; Ali Vaez; Dina Esfandiary; Adnan Tabatabai; Saeed Khatibzadeh; Mostafa Zahrani; Robert Einhorn; Mohammad Javad Zarif; Majid Takht Ravanchi; Kaveh Afrasiabi; Elissa Jobson; or Ellie Geranmayeh.

-All emails or text messages to or from Special Envoy for Iran Robert Malley that mention any of the following individuals or entities: Ariane Tabatabai; Ali Vaez; Dina Esfandiary; Adnan Tabatabai; Saeed Khatibzadeh; Mostafa Zahrani; Robert Einhorn; Mohammad Javad Zarif; Majid Takht Ravanchi; Kaveh Afrasiabi; Elissa Jobson; Ellie Geranmayeh; Iran Experts Initiative (IEI); International Crisis Group (ICG); or Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS).

(Date Range for Record Search: From 01/20/2021 To 10/17/2023)

# Exhibit B

**Tim Sullivan**

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**From:** foiastatus@state.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 1:17 PM  
**To:** Citizens United  
**Subject:** Ref: F-2024-00870

Dear David Bossie:

Thank you for filing your information access request to the U.S. Department of State. Your request number is F-2024-00870.

You will receive a formal acknowledgement to your request in no later than 10 working days. If the Department requires additional information from you, then you will also be notified.

Should you have any questions about your request, you may also contact us at:

FOIAStatus@state.gov

Regards,  
Requesters Communications Branch  
Office of Information Programs and Services  
U.S. Department of State

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# Exhibit C

**Tim Sullivan**

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**From:** FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2023 8:30 AM  
**To:** Citizens United  
**Subject:** RE: Ref: F-2024-00870

Mr. Bossie,

This is in response to your email below.

Please be advised that the Office of Information Programs and Services' Requester Communications Branch is currently experiencing a delay in acknowledging new requests. Your FOIA request number F-2024-00870 will be officially acknowledged as soon as possible.

We apologize for the delay.

If you have further questions or 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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**From:** Citizens United <info@citizensunited.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Ref: F-2024-00870

Hi FOIA Officer,

As of today, we have not received a formal acknowledgement for this request.

Sincerely,  
David Bossie  
Citizens United  
(202)547-5420  
[info@citizensunited.org](mailto:info@citizensunited.org)

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**From:** [foiastatus@state.gov](mailto:foiastatus@state.gov) <[foiastatus@state.gov](mailto:foiastatus@state.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 1:17 PM

To: Citizens United <[info@citizensunited.org](mailto:info@citizensunited.org)>

Subject: Ref: F-2024-00870

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Office of Information Programs and Services  
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# Exhibit D





October 26, 2023

OSD/JS FOIA Requester Service Center  
Freedom of Information Division  
1155 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155

Re: FOIA Request

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with the Freedom Of Information Act, I hereby request the following records.

**All emails or text messages to or from Chief of Staff for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict Ariane Tabatabai and any of the following individuals: Robert Malley; Ali Vaez; Dina Esfandiary; Adnan Tabatabai; Saeed Khatibzadeh; Mostafa Zahrani; Trita Parsi; Vali Nasr; Robert Einhorn; Mohammad Javad Zarif; Majid Takht Ravanchi; Kaveh Afrasiabi; Elissa Jobson; or Ellie Geranmayeh.**

**-All emails or text messages to or from Chief of Staff for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict Ariane Tabatabai that mention any of the following individuals or entities: Robert Malley; Ali Vaez; Dina Esfandiary; Adnan Tabatabai; Saeed Khatibzadeh; Mostafa Zahrani; Trita Parsi; Vali Nasr; Robert Einhorn; Mohammad Javad Zarif; Majid Takht Ravanchi; Kaveh Afrasiabi; Elissa Jobson; Ellie Geranmayeh; Iran Experts Initiative (IEI); International Crisis Group (ICG); Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS); or Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft.**

**Time Period: January 20, 2021 – Present.**

The information provided will be made available to the public. I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$25.00. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first.

**Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David N. Bossie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue highlight behind it.

**David N. Bossie**  
**President, Citizens United**  
**1006 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE**  
**Washington, D.C. 20003**  
**Contact Phone: (202) 547-5420**  
**Contact Email: [info@citizensunited.org](mailto:info@citizensunited.org)**

# Exhibit E

**Tim Sullivan**

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**From:** WHS MC-ALEX ESD Mailbox OSD-JS FOIA Requester Service Center <whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.osd-js-foia-requester-service-center@mail.mil>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 11:50 AM  
**To:** Citizens United  
**Cc:** Miller, Ian J CTR (USA); Ernest-Johnson, Ann J CIV WHS ESD (USA); Marye, Charles C CIV WHS ESD (USA); Jackson, Walter J CIV WHS ESD (USA)  
**Subject:** OSD/JS FOIA 24-F-0325 Interim Response  
**Attachments:** 24-F-0325 Interim Response.pdf; 24-F-0325 Request Description.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached both FOIA Request 24-F-0325 which has been received in our office on November 6, 2023 as well as our office's interim response. Please refer to your assigned case number 24-F-0325 in all future correspondences. If you have any questions or wish to narrow the scope of this request to potentially expedite our response, please feel free to contact me directly.

V/r,

Sami Hodja  
Freedom of Information Division  
OSD/JS FOIA Requester Service Center  
571 372 0461  
[sami.a.hodja.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:sami.a.hodja.ctr@mail.mil)



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DIVISION  
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

Ref: 24-F-0325  
November 9, 2023

Mr. David Bossie  
Citizens United  
1006 Pennsylvania Avenue, South East  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr.. Bossie:

This is an interim response to your October 26, 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on November 6, 2023, and assigned it FOIA case number 24-F-0325. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

Although we have already begun processing your request, we will not be able to respond within the FOIA's 20-day statutory time period as there are unusual circumstances which impact our ability to quickly process your request. The FOIA defines unusual circumstances as (a) the need to search for and collect records from a facility geographically separated from this office; (b) the potential volume of records responsive to your request; and (c) the need for consultation with one or more other agencies or DoD components having a substantial interest in either the determination or the subject matter of the records. At least one, if not more of these scenarios applies or would likely apply to your request. While this office handles FOIA requests for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Joint Staff (JS) and other component offices, we do not actually hold their records and our office is not geographically located with these organizations. As we do not hold the records, until the required record searches are complete, we are unable to estimate the potential volume of records or the number of consultations that will be required to make a release determination.

Your request has been placed in our complex processing queue and is being worked based on the order in which the request was received. Our current administrative workload is approximately 3,053 open requests.

If you have requested a fee waiver, please note that decisions to waive or reduce fees are made on a case-by-case basis, and we will make a determination concerning your fee waiver request at the conclusion of the search and assessment of responsive records, should they exist. However, this office will only assess fees if we provide the final response to your FOIA request within the statutory time allotted by the FOIA or if the responsive records total more than 5,000 pages, even after a good faith effort on our part to limit the scope of your request.

In some instances, we have found that requesters who narrow the scope of their requests experience a reduction in the time needed to process their requests. If you wish to narrow the scope of your request or have questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact your Action Officer, Ian Miller, at [ian.j.miller17.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:ian.j.miller17.ctr@mail.mil) or 571-372-0437.

Additionally, if you have concerns about service received by our office, please contact a member of our Leadership Team at 571-372-0498 or Toll Free at 866-574-4970.

Should you wish to inquire about mediation services, you may contact the OSD/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Toni Fuentes, at 571-372-0462 or by email at [OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil). You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Fax: 202-741-5769  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

We regret the delay in responding to your request and appreciate your patience. As previously stated, please contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Ian Miller, and reference FOIA case number 24-F-0325, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosure:  
As stated