PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD



WASHINGTON, D.C. 20511

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Re: PCLOB FOIA 2017-008

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

I am writing in response to your February 1, 2017 request for records under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). You seek "all [Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight] Board records between December 2016 and the present that will illustrate the Office's ongoing communication with the new administration and Congress that may illuminate the Board's behavior and the status of possible languishing work, including a public report on Executive Order 12333 the Board intended to publish by the end of 2016." You then state that your request includes, but is not limited to four categories of information:

- "A. All agency records of communications between the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board and then President-Elect Donald Trump's Transition Team between January 1 and January 21, 2017.
- B. All emails between the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board Public Affairs and Legislative Office and congressional or Committee offices between January 1 and January 21, 2017.
- C. All communications between the Board's administrative office and the Office of Management and Budget between December 1, 2016 and the present.
- D. All communications between the Board's administrative office and the Office of Personnel Management between January 1, 2017 and the present."

Please be advised that a search has been conducted and records were located that are responsive to your request. I have determined that redactions are appropriate in some records pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), to protect information the disclosure of which would "constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Redactions have been clearly marked with the corresponding exemption.

You may contact me or the PCLOB's FOIA Public Liaison Eric Broxmeyer at (202) 331-1986 or foia@pclob.gov for further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. 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 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.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the PCLOB Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority, at MS2 – 2C104, Washington, DC 20511, or you may submit an appeal via email to foia@pclob.gov. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely, Mason C. Cluth

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