



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

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Re: HQ-2017-00570-F

Re: 1) Any and all records created between November 9, 2016 and the present date by or between Department of Energy employees regarding or including Presidential Transition Team questionnaires about climate change (aka "global warming"), including but not limited to communications between Department of Energy employees and the following individuals: Donald Trump, Stephen Bannon, Reince Priebus, Stephen Miller, Kellyanne Conway, Sean Spicer, Michael Pence, Daniel Simmons, David Jonas, Jack Spencer, John Giordano, Kelly Mitchell, Mark Maddox, Martin Dannenfesler Jr., Thomas Norris, Travis Fisher, William Greene and Rick Perry.

2) Any and all records created between November 9, 2016 and the present date regarding personnel changes, new personnel assignments or new personnel assignment policies by or between Department of Energy employees and the Executive Office of the President or Presidential Transition Team (aka "Landing Team"), including but not limited to communications between Department of Energy employees and the following individuals: Donald Trump, Stephen Bannon, Reince Priebus, Stephen Miller, Kellyanne Conway, Sean Spicer, Michael Pence, Daniel Simmons, David Jonas, Jack Spencer, John Giordano, Kelly Mitchell, Mark Maddox, Martin Dannenfesler Jr., Thomas Norris, Travis Fisher, William Greene and Rick Perry.

Dear Ms. McKay:

Thank you for the request for information that you made to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your letter was received in this office on February 16, 2017 and has been assigned a controlled number, HQ-2017-00570-F. Since we receive several hundred requests a year, please use this number in any correspondence with the Department about your request.

We are reviewing your letter to determine if it addresses all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. We will send you a subsequent letter to inform you if we need additional information or to state where the request has been assigned to conduct a search for responsive documents.



I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact this office on (202) 586-5955.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex C. Morris", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander C. Morris  
FOIA Officer  
Office of Public Information