

From: **State Department FOIA** <noreply@mail.foia.state.gov>
Date: Sat, Apr 28, 2018 at 11:28 PM
Subject: FOIA Request Letter
To: aram.roston@buzzfeed.com

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 4/28/2018. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

All records pertaining to Jared Kushner, Senior Adviser to the President, for the period January 20, 2017 to the present. Specifically I'm requesting all emails, correspondence, video, logs, reports, investigations pertaining to Jared Kushner and containing the terms "Jared Kushner," for this period. The records I'm requesting include any records generated by or received by the US embassies in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Mexico, Venezuela, People's Republic of China, and Japan pertaining to Jared Kushner. I'm also requesting all emails generated by or received by the staff of these embassies for this period, pertaining to Jared Kushner.

The time period of my request is from 01/20/2017 to 04/27/2018

I am a representative of the news media seeking information as part of a news gathering effort and not for commercial use.

Additional documentation or comments will be required.

I represent BuzzFeed News

I am willing to pay \$200 for my request.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request.

Reason: I'm making this request as an accredited correspondent at BuzzFeed News, and the records I'm requesting are for a story for BuzzFeed News about the activities of Jared Kushner, a high ranking federal official and the son in law of the president of the United States. Kushner and his role in government policy-making while his family is involved in real estate and he is married to the president's daughter, is a major subject of interest to the US public. Informing the public about his interaction with the US State Department significantly adds to the public understanding of his influence.

I have a compelling need for expeditious handling:

- An urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists.
This option available for ONLY PERSONS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION.

- I'm an accredited journalist working for BuzzFeed News, a well recognized news organization with hundreds of millions of readers. The records I'm requesting are to be used for a story about Jared Kushner, the son-in-law of the President, and Senior Advisor and federal employee. Mr. Kushner has been assigned important roles in the federal government concerning policy on Saudi Arabia, China, Russia, the UAE, Israel, Mexico, Venezuela and China. The records I'm requesting will help inform the US public about Mr. Kushner's roles, which have raised questions about propriety, nepotism, and conflicts of interest.

My additional comments are as follows:

N/A

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Exhibit D

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