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August 31, 2018

Via email: 58976-62277911@requests.muckrock.com

Jimmy Tobias MuckRock News DEPT MR 58976 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Tobias:

On August 03, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) seeking the following:

All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between deputy director of external affairs Tim Williams, or his executive assistant(s), and any agent, representative or employee of the Sutherland Institute, a Utah based think tank. This requests includes any and all communications between Williams, or his executive assistant, and any email address that ends in "@sifreedom.org", This request also seeks any communication between Tim Williams (or his assistant Jason Funes) and Sutherland Institute employee Matthew Anderson. This request seeks records produced between April 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

You request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on August 03, 2018, and assigned control number **OS-2018-01470**. Please cite this number in any future correspondence or communications with the Office of the Secretary regarding your request.

We have classified you as a representative of the news media. As such, we may charge you for some of our duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our search or review costs; you also are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See 43 C.F.R § 2.37(g).

You can expect to hear from us promptly regarding the outcome of this search.

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You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records electronically via email or CD-ROM as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

Because we will need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request, we are taking a 10-workday extension under 43 C.F.R. § 2.19. We are placing your request under the "Normal" processing track. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.15.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at (202) 513-0765, by fax at (202) 219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, N.W., MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by RYAN MCQUIGHAN Date: 2018.08.31 10:24:33 -04'00'

Ryan McQuighan Office of the Secretary Acting FOIA Officer