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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, DC 20240

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Via email: 59066-91213125@requests.muckrock.com

Jimmy Tobias Reporter, Pacific Standard Magazine MuckRock News DEPT MR 54080 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Tobias:

On August 7, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Any and 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 Americans For Prosperity, the conservative political advocacy group. This requests includes any and all communications between Williams, or his executive assistant Jason Funes, and any email address that ends in "@afphq.org". This request seeks records produced between April 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on September 5, 2018, and assigned control number **OS-2018-01580**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office 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 $\underline{43\ C.F.R.}$ $\underline{\&\ 2.39}$. 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 $\underline{43\ C.F.R.}$ $\underline{\&\ 2.37(g)}$

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 on a CD-ROM disk as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

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Mr. Jimmy Tobias

Because we will need to consult with one or more bureaus of the Department in order to properly process your request, the Office of the Secretary FOIA office is taking a 10-workday extension under 43 C.F.R. § 2.19. For the same reason, we are placing your request under the "Normal" processing track. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.19.

In the interim, 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 Street, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

CLARICE JULKA

Digitally signed by CLARICE JULKA

Date: 2018.09.07 15:22:05

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary

FOIA Officer