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December 17, 2018

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Privacy, Transparency, and Records
Department of the Treasury
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Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Ms. Henshaw,

Thank you for your December 17, 2018 letter acknowledging our FOIA request, which the Department of the Treasury (“Department” or “Treasury”) has assigned tracking number 2018-12-063. In your letter, you invited us to revise our request to “identify *the specific Treasury record by subject matter and identify which specific Treasury Office of Public Affairs official(s)*” for which we are seeking records (emphasis yours).

As our request plainly states, we are seeking all records documenting communications between “all staff, including officers, employees, and contractors, in Treasury’s Office of Public Affairs (OPA),” and a short, specific list of media organizations. Although we were not legally required to do so, we have taken the additional step of providing the external domains to facilitate a search. This request plainly satisfies the requirement that we identify the records sought with reasonable specificity. We are frankly puzzled by the suggestion in your letter that the Department is unable to identify the staff who have worked in its own Office of Public Affairs since January 20, 2017. Indeed, this information is plainly, and uniquely, within the possession of the Department. Accordingly, we respectfully decline your invitation to revise our request.

We expect that, as required by law, the Department will respond to our request within twenty working days of December 13, 2018.

Thank you for your assistance. Please feel free to contact me if we may provide anything further.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nitin Shah
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