

EXHIBIT 4

Ms. Sarah M Rich

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Dear Ms. Sarah M Rich,

Upon conferring with the component office, we have determined that part (7) of your request is too broad in scope. Part (7) states the following:

"Cooperation, collaboration, or other interaction of CBP personnel with private security organizations regarding the presence, arrival and/or processing of unaccompanied noncitizen children at or near a port of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border or at the U.S.-Mexico land border in between ports of entry."

CBP sends numerous email correspondence to private security organizations when an unaccompanied child is apprehended/encountered. In its present state, a search for records could potentially return a massive amount of documents, thus creating an unreasonable burden on the agency. In order for us to more efficiently process your request, please consider narrowing the time frame of interest as well as provide specific keywords or specifics regarding the type of correspondence you are seeking.

FOIA is not a search mechanism. Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason, §5.3(b) of the DHS regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable amount of effort.

The FOIA does not require an agency to create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records.

This is not a denial of your request for records. Please respond directly to this correspondence or email your response to Jennifer Davis (jennifer.r.davis@cbp.dhs.gov) no later than June 25, 2019. If we do not receive a response from you by this date, we will assume you are no longer interested in receiving a response to part (7) and this portion will be omitted from the final response. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please advise as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

U.S. Customs and Border Protection