



# Balash Oil Search

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**Awaiting Response**

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**From: Jimmy Tobias** 10/10/2019

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Balash Oil Search

[Email](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all written communications, including email attachments, between former DOI official Joe Balash and any agent, employee, lobbyist, official or representative of Oil Search, an oil firm that operates arounds the world including in Alaska. This request seeks records during Mr. Balash's entire time in office during the Trump administration.

I am a reporter for The Guardian and other outlets.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

**From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary**

10/24/2019

Subject: FOIA Request: Acknowledgement Letter OS-2020-00047

[Email](#)

Dear Mr. Tobias,

Please find attached the acknowledgement letter for FOIA request OS-2020-00047.

Thank you,  
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**From: Muckrock Staff**

11/25/2019

**Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #OS-2020-00047**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on Oct. 10, 2019. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response. You had assigned it reference number #OS-2020-00047.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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