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SENT VIA EMAIL TO: FOIA@AMERICANOVERSIGHT.ORG
MR AUSTIN EVERS
1030 15TH ST NW STE B255
WASHINGTON DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

**SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST FILE
NUMBER DON-USMC-2020-001914**

This responds to your November 19, 2019, FOIA request for (1) all guidance, directives, instructions, policies, and procedures regarding the use of properties owned by the Trump Organization for government use, (2) all guidance, directives, instructions, policies, and procedures regarding reimbursement for meals, overnight stays, or other expenses incurred at said properties, and (3) all records reflecting costs reimbursed or paid directly by your agency for visits to any property owned by the Trump Organization. Your request was under file number **DON-USMC-2020-001914**.

We contacted the offices of Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the Judge Advocate Division Military Personnel Law Branch, the Office of Public Affairs, Marine Corps Forces Reserve and the Administration and Resource Management Fiscal Branch with regards to portions (1) and (2) of your request. As results of these queries, knowledgeable personnel in each section verified that no records could be located, and that they had no knowledge of any guidance in these areas. The information you are seeking may be located in the Joint Ethics Regulations manual and/or the Joint Travel Regulations manual. Both manuals are publicly available and can be found via the internet. Please be aware that the FOIA does not require agencies to collect information and create records that are not already in existence in order to satisfy a request.

With regards to portion (3) of your request, please be advised that the Marine Corps does not maintain pay records, reimbursement information or travel card payments. For information regarding payments, reimbursements and/or government issued charge cards, you would need to contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Attn: FOIA/PA Adherence Division, 1240 East 9th Street, Room 1417, Cleveland, Ohio 44199. The phone number there is (317) 212-4591 and the email address is dfas.foia@mail.mil.

If you consider this to be an adverse determination, it may be appealed. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may do so directly within the web-based system. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may write to the Judge Advocate General (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a statement indicating why you believe it should be granted. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

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You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at (703) 697-0031 or Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or 1-877-684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

I am the official responsible for this determination. If you have questions concerning this action, please contact Ms. Deanna James at (703) 614-4008, or via email to hqmcfoia@usmc.mil or fax at (703) 614-6287. Please reference the file number in the subject line above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. L. Peters', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

M. L. PETERS
Deputy, FOIA/PA Programs