



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

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**Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY19-107;  
American Oversight v. State et al., D.D.C. No. 19-cv-1286**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter responds to your March 5, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request to the Office of Legal Counsel (“OLC”), in which you sought “advice prepared by OLC and provided outside OLC regarding any foreign lease, purchase, rental, sale, or other change in use of any properties owned or operated by the Trump Organization,” as clarified by negotiations through counsel. As you know, the request was assigned tracking number **FY19-107**, and also is the subjects of the above-captioned litigation. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b), your requests were processed in the complex track. A search of OLC’s files has located no documents responsive to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Your counsel may contact Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian J. Field at 202-252-2551 or at [Brian.Field@usdoj.gov](mailto:Brian.Field@usdoj.gov) to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (“OGIS”) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Although your request is the subject of ongoing litigation, and administrative appeals are not ordinarily acted upon in such situations, I am required by statute and regulation to inform you of your right to file an administrative appeal. You may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (“OIP”), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an

appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



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Special Counsel

cc: Brian J. Field, Assistant U.S. Attorney  
District of Columbia