

# Exhibit 1



March 11, 2020

RE: Coronavirus communications

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the “FOIA”), I request as a reporter for National Public Radio, Inc. (NPR) that the United States Department of Health and Human Services make available to me for inspection and copying the following documents (which include electronic records):

Communications to and from the following people –

Alex Michael Azar II (R)  
William Michael Brady  
Nicholas "Nick" Uehlecke  
Bonny Harbinger  
Danielle L. Steele  
Beth Nelson  
Michael Schmoyer

mentioning any of the following words: 'coronavirus', 'severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2', 'Wuhan', '2019-nCoV', 'SARS-CoV-2', 'COVID-19', 'evacuate', 'personal protective equipment', 'March Air Force base', 'Travis Air Force', "Riverside", "Solano". These communications include but are not limited to emails, messaging app or messaging platform messages, memos and internal reports from 12/01/2019 to 1/31/2020.

As you know, the FOIA provides that if portions of a document are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed. Therefore, please send me all non-exempt portions of the records I have requested and justify any deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the FOIA. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any materials.

Since some of the documents listed above may be more readily available than others, please provide the documents that are available as soon as possible without waiting to provide access to all the documents.

The FOIA provides for waiver or reduction of fees if disclosure could be considered as “primarily benefiting the general public.” I am a journalist employed by NPR and intend to use the information I am requesting as a basis for a planned news story, which makes me a “representative of the news media.” Therefore, I ask that you waive all duplication fees. If you deny this request, however, and the fees will exceed \$250, please notify me of the charges before you fulfill my request so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver.

I submit this request in my capacity as a journalist, and this information is time-sensitive. Accordingly, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or email (202-870-7566 or [timkmak@gmail.com](mailto:timkmak@gmail.com)), rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. You can also communicate with anyone in NPR’s Legal Department, including Micah Ratner ([mratner@npr.org](mailto:mratner@npr.org)).

I look forward to receiving your reply within twenty (20) business days, as required by federal law.

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this FOIA request.

Sincerely,

Tim Mak