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Request for records under the Freedom of Information Act

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Wed, Mar 25, 2020 at 6:20 AM

Anna,

This is a critical situation and a matter of life and death. People are dying. I want thousands of records because I need to inform the public what is happening. We are talking about a two month window. You can omit news clippings and press releases and press briefings

I am happy to discuss further but I would need guidance from you. As you know, to be valid, a request need only "reasonably describe" the records it seeks so that knowledgeable agency employees will be able to determine "precisely what records are being requested." Yeager v. DEA, 678 F.2d 315, 322 (D.C. Cir. 1982). Similarly, an agency cannot reject a request on the grounds that a search would be burdensome. And the fact that a request may yield a great many responsive records is immaterial, so long as the agency can identify which records to produce.

Best,
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On Wed, Mar 25, 2020, 5:07 AM Pope, Anna <Anna.Pope@tsa.dhs.gov> wrote:

Mr. Leopold,

Good morning. The TSA is in receipt of your below FOIA request. The TSA will grant your request for expedited status; however, your request, as written, is too broad in scope. Your request for "disclosure of all emails, memo, letters, reports, studies sent and received mentioning or referring to Coronavirus/COVID-19" would likely produce thousands of records. In addition, all portions of your request in which you state "all" or "any and all" is also too broad in scope. Although, expedited status is being granted, it would take a considerable amount of time to gather the records and process them under the FOIA, which would not be expeditious. In order for our office to provide you with the most amount of records, without being overly burdensome and would result in the fastest response to you as possible, would you be willing to narrow the scope of your request? Can you please provide us with what information, with as much specificity as possible, you would like to receive that the TSA may be able to provide to you in an expedited manner? Please advise at the soonest how you would like to move forward with your request.

R/

Anna Pope

Exhibit D