



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
7202.4-OS-2020-00365

April 10, 2020

Via email: 89126-80241671@requests.muckrock.com

Jimmy Tobias
The Guardian and The Nation
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Tobias:

The Office of the Secretary FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated March 2, 2020 on March 2, 2020 and assigned it control number **OS-2020-00365**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent or received by Katharine MacGregor that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "ECPO", "ECMSHCP", "Collier", "Colliers", "Spilker", "Hunton", and/or "panther". This request seeks records produced since January 1, 2019.

Processing Track

Your request falls into the "Normal" processing track. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.15](#).

You may narrow the scope of your request to obtain quicker processing in your currently-assigned track or move the request into a different track (which may have the effect of reducing the cost of processing your request and having it processed more quickly)." If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

Response Outside the Time Limits

As yet, we have been unable to make a determination on your request. We apologize for this delay. You may narrow the scope of your request to obtain quicker processing in your currently-assigned track or move the request into a different track (which may have the effect of reducing the cost of processing your request and having it processed more quickly). One possible way would be agreeing to limit your request to email only.

You also may agree to an alternative time period for processing by communicating with us, our FOIA Requester Center, or the FOIA Public Liaison. Contact information for the Department's FOIA Requester Centers and FOIA Public Liaison is available at

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Mr. Jimmy Tobias

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<https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>. You may also seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). If you choose to contact OGIS, you may do so in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You may also file an appeal with the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer regarding this delay. If you choose to appeal this delay, you may do so anytime between now and the date we make our determination on the FOIA request. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and Office of the Secretary concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and this response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and Office of the Secretary will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information

Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W.
MS-6556 MIB
Washington, DC 20240

Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339
Fax: (202) 208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

Mr. Jimmy Tobias

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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of 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.

We regret the delay and appreciate your consideration. For more information on FOIA Administrative Appeals, you may review the Department's FOIA regulations at [43 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart H](#). If you have any questions, you may contact us by phone at 202- 513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by email at os_foia@ios.doi.gov , or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer. Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, who you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>.

Sincerely,

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Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer



Willens Panther

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	601513

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Due	March 30, 2020
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From: Jimmy Tobias

03/02/2020

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Willens Panther 1

Portal

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent or received by Todd Willens that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "ECPO", "ECMSHCP", "Collier", "Colliers", "Spilker", "Hunton", and/or "panther".

This request seeks records produced since January 1, 2018.

I am a reporter with The Guardian and The Nation.

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

03/13/2020

Subject: FOIA Request: Acknowledgement Letter OS-2020-00364

Email

Dear Mr. Tobias,

Please find attached the acknowledgment letter for FOIA request OS-2020-00364.

Thanks,

Michelle McBryde

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Exhibit Q

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From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary

04/09/2020

Subject: FOIA Request - OS-2020-00364

Email

Dear Mr. Tobias,

Please find attached a delay letter for FOIA request OS-2020-00364.

Thanks,

Michelle McBryde--

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From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary

04/13/2020

Subject: FOIA Request - OS-2020-00364

Email

Dear Mr. Tobias,

The Office of the Secretary FOIA Office is reaching out regarding your FOIA request (OS-2020-00364) made on March 2, 2020. Your request sought "Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent or received by Todd Willens that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "ECPO", "ECMSHCP", "Collier", "Colliers", "Spilker", "Hunton", and/or "panther".

Would you be willing to accept email only as this will help us pull your records quicker rather than reaching out to individual program offices for these records?

Please contact our office by phone at (202) 513-0765, by fax at (202) 219 - 2374, by e-mail at osfoia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, N.W., MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Thanks,

Cindy Sweeney

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From: Jimmy Tobias 04/13/2020

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #601513, OS-2020-00364

[Email](#)

Hi Cindy,

Yes emails and email attachments would work just fine. Thank you!

Jimmy

From: Jimmy Tobias 05/05/2020

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #601513, OS-2020-00364

[Email](#)

Hi Cindy,

I just wanted to check in with you: What is the estimated completion date for this request?

Please let me know if you get a chance and thanks!

Jimmy Tobias

From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary 05/11/2020

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #601513, OS-2020-00364

[Email](#)

Dear Mr. Tobias,

At this time, we are waiting on the program office to send us all potentially responsive records for the request that you inquired about as we do not retain records in the OS FOIA office. Once we have those records, we can begin processing them. While we cannot provide you a timeline at this point, please be assured we are working to complete your request as promptly as we can.

Sincerely,


Emily Karp

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
7202.4-OS-2020-00364

March 13, 2020

Via email: 89125-46772640@requests.muckrock.com

Jimmy Tobias
Muckrock News
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Tobias:

The Office of the Secretary FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated March 2, 2020, on March 2, 2020 and assigned it control number **OS-20-00364**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

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Fee Category

We have classified you as a representative of the news media. As such, we may charge you for some of our duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our search or review costs; you also are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#). If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected.

Agreement to Pay

You agreed to pay \$25.00 for the processing of your request. If it becomes apparent that your fees will surpass that amount, we will advise you before incurring additional charges and provide you with the opportunity to agree to pay the additional amount needed or narrow the scope of your request.

Exhibit R

Processing Track

Your request falls into the “Normal” processing track. *See 43 C.F.R. § 2.15.* You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records electronically via email or CD-ROM as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

Because we will need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other units that are separate from the office processing the request, the Office of the Secretary FOIA office is taking a 10-workday extension under *43 C.F.R. § 2.19.*

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The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
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If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cynthia Sweeney by phone at (202) 513-0765, by fax at (202) 219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, N.W., MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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Sincerely,
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April 9, 2020

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Sincerely,
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Leah Fairman
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer



DOI COVID Comms

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Tracking #	602980, OS-2020-00430
	602980

Submitted	March 19, 2020
Due	April 16, 2020
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STATUS

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From: Jimmy Tobias

03/25/2020

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: DOI COVID Comms

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To Whom It May Concern:

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

- 1) Any records relating to policies or procedures governing public communications by Interior Department employees or contractors about the coronavirus;
- 2) Any records relating to policies or procedures for the coordination of communications strategy between the Interior Department (or its employees) and the Coronavirus Task Force led by Vice President Mike Pence;
- 3) Any records relating to the Interior Department's decision to waive entrance fees at national parks due to the coronavirus outbreak in the United States.

This request seeks records produced since January 1, 2020.

I am a reporter for The Guardian.

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

04/20/2020

Subject: FOIA Request OS-2020-00430

[Email](#)

Dear Mr. Tobias,

Please find attached the Acknowledgment/Delay letter for FOIA Request OS-2020-00430.

Thanks,
Michelle McBryde

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From: Jimmy Tobias

05/13/2020

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #602980, OS-2020-00430

[Email](#)

Hello DOI FOIA Office,

Please let me know when I can expect to receive records related to this request. Thank you.

Jimmy Tobias

From: Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary

05/15/2020

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #602980, OS-2020-00430

[Email](#)

Dear Mr. Tobias,

At this time, we are waiting on the program offices to send us all potentially responsive records for the request that you inquired about as we do not retain records in the OS FOIA office. Once we have those records, we can begin processing them. While we cannot provide you a timeline at this point, please be assured we are working to complete your request as promptly as we can.

Sincerely,


Emily Karp

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