May 27, 2021

Nikhel Sus  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics  
in Washington (CREW)  
1101 K St NW #201  
Washington, DC 20001

SUBJECT: OIG Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2021-F-018  
Final Response

Dear Nikhel Sus:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of State (DOS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), dated January 29, 2021, and seeking every annual audit report regarding the State Department’s expenditures from the Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service appropriation (also known as the “K Fund”) issued by the Office of Inspector General to Congress pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 2671(c) since January 1, 2018. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2018 To 1/29/2021). Your request was received in this office on January 29, 2021.

DOS-OIG conducts independent investigations, audits, inspections, and evaluations of DOS personnel, programs, and operations to detect and deter waste, fraud, and abuse, and to promote integrity, economy, and efficiency within DOS. In response to your request, we conducted a search of the OIG’s Office of Audits, Office of Investigations, and Office of Evaluations; however, we found no records responsive to your request.

Appeal

You have the right to appeal this response.¹ Your appeal must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Please address any appeal to:

Appeals Officer

¹ For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). 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.
Both the envelope and letter of appeal should be clearly marked, “Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Appeal.” Your appeal letter should also clearly identify the DOS-OIG’s response. Additional information on submitting an appeal is set forth in the DOS regulations at 22 C.F.R. § 171.13.

**Assistance and Dispute Resolution Services**

For further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request you may contact DOS-OIG’s FOIA Public Liaison at:

FOIA Officer  
Office of General Counsel  
Office of Inspector General  
U.S. Department of State  
1700 North Moore Street  
Suite 1400  
Arlington, VA 22209  
foia@stateoig.gov

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, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

\[/s/ \text{Jillian M. Clouse}\]

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