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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.

Appeals Review Panel
Office of Information Programs and Services
U.S. Department of State
State Annex 2 (SA-2)
515 22nd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20522-8100
Facsimile: 202-261-8571

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/ Jillian M. Clouse

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