

August 20, 2021

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RE: CISA Case Number 2021-NPFO-00139

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Case Number 2020-0993

Dear Ms. Weismann:

This acknowledges receipt of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) referral to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), related to your June 23, 2020 FOIA request to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), for:

- 1. The decision to deploy federal law enforcement agents, officers, or other personnel in response to the ongoing protests over racial justice in Portland, Oregon and Chicago, Illinois;
- 2. Any decisions or plans to deploy federal law enforcement agents, officers, or other personnel in response to the ongoing protests over racial justice in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Baltimore, Maryland; Detroit, Michigan; Kansas City, Missouri; New York City; Oakland, California; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- 3. Any policies to which law enforcement officers under the auspices of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("ATF") are bound governing the treatment of protesters in the above-mentioned cities.

The foregoing requests include but are not limited to communications with:

- 1. President Trump;
- 2. White House employees, including anyone with an "*.eop.gov" email domain;
- 3. Attorneys or representatives acting on behalf of President Trump;
- 4. Employees of the ATF;
- 5. Employees of other Department of Justice-linked agencies including at the U.S. Marshals Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration;
- 6. Employees of Department of Homeland Security-linked agencies including those within the

Federal Protective Services, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection..

While processing your request, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) located records that fall under the purview within CISA. Accordingly, your request was referred to this office on on August 3, 2021 for processing and direct response to you.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS FOIA regulations as they apply to non-commercial requesters. As a non-commercial requester, you will be charged 10 cents per page for duplication; the first 100 pages are free, as are the first two hours of search time, after which you will pay the per quarter-hour rate (\$4.00 for clerical personnel, \$7.00 for professional personnel, \$10.25 for managerial personnel) of the searcher. We will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. You will be contacted before any further fees are accrued.

Please be assured that one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, please contact FOIA office. You may send an e-mail to FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV, call free 703-235-2211, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS 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.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2021-NPFO-00139**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. To check the status of a CISA FOIA request, please visit https://foiarequest.dhs.gov/app/CheckStatus.aspx. Please note that to check the status of a request, you must enter the 2021-NPFO-00139 tracking number.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Wolfrey

Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management (Acting)