

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON, D.C.

## 9/30/2021

Mr. Nikhel Sus Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington 1101 K Street NW Washington, DC 20005

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RE: Your FOIA Request to the Department of Homeland Security Case Number 2021-HQFO-00392, Department of Treasury Case Number 2021-FOIA-00930

Dear Mr. Sus:

This is the final response of the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request originally submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on January 10, 2021. In an email dated September 28, 2021, the DHS/U.S. Secret Service transmitted seven pages of information you requested regarding the events of January 6, 2020 to the Department of Treasury for our review and direct response to you.

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. After carefully considering these records, I am releasing one page in full, five pages in part, and fully withholding one page pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(E) as identified below.

**FOIA Exemption 6** exempts from disclosure "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

**FOIA Exemption 7(E)** exempts from disclosure "techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions."

There are no fees assessed at this time since allowable charges fell below \$25.

You have the right to appeal this decision within 90 days from the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for your appeal. Please also cite the FOIA reference number noted above. Your appeal should be addressed to:

FOIA Appeal FOIA and Transparency Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20220 If you submit your appeal by mail, clearly mark the letter and the envelope with the words "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days from the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison for assistance via email at FOIAPL@treasury.gov, or via phone at (202) 622-8098. A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If the FOIA Public Liaison is unable to satisfactorily resolve your question or concern, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly by email at OGIS@nara.gov, by phone at (877) 684-6448, by fax at (202) 741-5769 or by mail at the address below:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001

Please note that contacting any agency official (including the FOIA analyst, FOIA Requester Service Center, FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90-day appeal clock

You may reach Kristen Kontinopoulos via e-mail at Kristen.Kontinopoulos@Treasury.gov. Please reference FOIA case number 2021-FOIA-00930 when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

Mark Bittner

Director, FOIA and Transparency

Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records

Enclosure:

Responsive document set (7 pages)