



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 29, 2022

Case No. FL-2020-00134

Nikhel Sus
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics of Washington
1101 K St., NW Suite 201
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Sus:

As we noted in our letter dated November 29, 2022, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Thus far, the Department of State has identified one additional responsive record subject to the FOIA. We have determined that the record may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on the record. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Benton Peterson at Benton.Peterson@usdoj.gov or (202) 252-2534. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00134, and the civil action number, 20-cv-02076, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diamonece Hickson", written in a cursive style.

Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
(A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
(B) deprive a person of a fair trial
(C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
(D) disclose confidential sources
(E) disclose investigation techniques
(F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

From:	[redacted] (b)(6)
To:	Fenton, Catherine S [redacted] (b)(6); [redacted] (b)(6) [redacted] (b)(6)
CC:	[redacted] (b)(6) [redacted] (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Mrs. P meeting
Date:	Tue, 16 Jul 2019 16:45:36 +0000

Cathy,

Here are the items I am tracking that I am responsible for:

- Madison Dinner - (I will have the Madison material to [redacted] (b)(6) on Wednesday by noon)
 2018 – 2019 Madison dinner menus
 July 29 invitation, July 29 menu proof
 July 3 invitation and final menu with tour ticket

State Luncheon - (to Cathy and [redacted] (b)(6) by noon on Wednesday)
 An invitation mock up for September 2019
 April 2018 France State luncheon email invitation and final menu
 Previous examples of menus and invitations

Holiday Card folder – (to Cathy and [redacted] (b)(6) by COB on Wednesday)
 2018 S card and a few examples of previous years for review.

[redacted] (b)(6)

[redacted] (b)(6)

Protocol Officer
 Office of the Chief of Protocol
 U.S. Department of State
 202-647-3610

From: Fenton, Catherine S [redacted] (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:28 PM
To: [redacted] (b)(6)
Cc: [redacted] (b)(6); [redacted] (b)(6); [redacted] (b)(6)
 [redacted] (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Mrs. P meeting

Ok ladies just learned Lisa Kenna will attend the Friday meeting with Mrs. P. Thank you for prepping 4 binders.

Adding [redacted] (b)(6) and [redacted] (b)(6) for their awareness and IF they can assist as know you all are also handling MARF. Thank you!

Cathy

From: Fenton, Catherine S [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Date: July 16, 2019 at 12:11:38 PM EDT
To: [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Cc: [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: Mrs. P meeting

Ladies please see below to ensure we don't overlook any of these items for the Friday 10 am meeting. Adding [REDACTED] (b)(6) for her awareness.

With MK now and we can get this to her by 3:30. Thursday. We will need 3 binders but will check to see IF Lisa Kenna is coming too so will make it 4 if need be. Will check with [REDACTED] (b)(6) now if Lisa will attend.

NO need for separate binders for me and [REDACTED] (b)(6) Just copies of basic items for us.

[REDACTED] (b)(6) please note, per MK we will only do ONE packet of the holiday card items please and MK will give to her at the very end. Then will gauge IF she wants to discuss then or just take with her.

Ok, sorry to overload and please feel free to ask [REDACTED] (b)(6) or [REDACTED] (b)(6) for help per MK.
Thank you!
Cathy

From: Fenton, Catherine S [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Date: July 16, 2019 at 11:57:03 AM EDT
To: Fisher, Mary-Kate [REDACTED] (b)(6), [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Cc: SCPR-FO-STAFF <SCPR-FO-STAFF@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Mrs. P meeting

Thanks Mary-KATE. Copy all and we tasked this out to [REDACTED] (b)(6) for Madison yesterday and [REDACTED] (b)(6) for the State lunch too. Will ensure there are multiple binders for [REDACTED] (b)(6) and you also.

[REDACTED] (b)(6) also working with [REDACTED] (b)(6) on former state lunch invitations and photos from our French lunch and Something from Obama. Although [REDACTED] (b)(6) can pull the photos.

Madison is fairly easy. Former menus and the tour card we place in the menu (they set up private tours with [REDACTED] (b)(6) etc.) will also include or draft menu for next dinner on July 29 and current guest list.

Copy that [REDACTED] (b)(6) will open with gifts and hen depart.
Thank you.
Cathy

From: Fisher, Mary-Kate (b)(6)
Date: July 16, 2019 at 11:30:41 AM EDT
To: Fenton, Catherine S (b)(6) (b)(6)
Cc: SCPR-FO-STAFF <SCPR-FO-STAFF@state.gov>
Subject: Mrs. P meeting

For Mrs. Pompeo Meeting:

State Luncheon materials – can we get binders for Mrs. P, (b)(6) Lisa and the three of us made w/ tabs for each section and a table of contents?

- Copy of (b)(6) summary
- Last year's luncheon schedule, pulled out of the master, delete staffing at the front end and the coffee break at the end
- Last year's guest list w/ breakdown of components (DOS, S invites, VP invites, etc.)
- Any former hard copy invitations for delegations from Bush & Obama & Trump administrations
- Menus from last year (and any other menus from recent luncheons)
- Photos from last year's look/set up and the last few from Obama lunches for reference

For Madison Dinner – what does she need? Just the master guest list / previous dinner lists? Is (b)(6) getting this all together?

Gifts – (b)(6) will come in and she'll speak at the top w/ options and then depart.

Thanks!

Mary-Kate Fisher
Acting Chief of Protocol of the United States

(b)(6)

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Sender:	(b)(6)
Recipient:	Fenton, Catherine S (b)(6)
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