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Category of Documents	Total amount of responsive documents/ Redacted page numbers	Exemptions Cited	Content of Withheld Portion and Reason for Withholding
<p>Email communications between January 20, 2017 to the present between GSA and the White House concerning the renovation of FBI Headquarters.</p>	<p>There are 25 total pages (23 pages of email correspondence and 2 pages of attachments from those emails) of responsive documents.</p> <p>(Pages 11 and 13 were released in full.)</p> <p>Pages 1-10, 12, 14- 23 in the email correspondence & pages 1-2 of the attachments to the email correspondence.</p>	<p>Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6).</p>	<p>Content of Withheld Portion: White House employee email addresses, the name & contact information for law enforcement personnel within GSA’s Office of the Inspector General and federal employees’ cellular telephone numbers.</p> <p>Reason for Withholding: GSA determined that any public interest in the release of the White House employee’s email address was not outweighed by the privacy interest in nondisclosure of the actual his email address. GSA has released the name of the White House employee, so the public is aware of the employee’s identity. Releasing his actual White House email address, however, does not provide the public with any further insight into the nature of his communications with GSA. Thus any public interest in the release of his email address is not outweighed by the privacy interest in the non-release of the email address of the associate counsel to the President of the United States. GSA redacted the federal employees’ cellular phone number because we have determined that there’s no public interest in the dissemination of that information, given that the employees’ names and email addresses have been provided. GSA redacted the name & contact information for law enforcement personnel within GSA’s Office of the Inspector General, as the mention of the individual’s name in the law enforcement file it is a part of carries a stigmatizing connotation given the subject matter of the investigation.</p>

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	<p>Page 6 of the email correspondence and page 1 of the attachments to the email correspondence.</p>	<p>Exemption 7 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7)(C).</p>	<p>Content of Withheld Portion: The name and contact information of an Assistant Special Agent within GSA’s IG office that is part of a law enforcement record.</p> <p>Reason for Withholding: GSA determined that any public interest in the release of the identifying information for the law enforcement personnel was not outweighed by the privacy interest in its nondisclosure of his information, as this information is from a law enforcement file in an ongoing investigation in the GSA IG’s office.</p>

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	Page 6 of the email correspondence.	Exemption 7 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7)(E).	<p>Content of Withheld Portion: The portions of the communications between an Assistant Special Agent within GSA’s IG office and the Special Assistant to the GSA Administrator regarding the basis of the IG’s request to interview the Administrator.</p> <p>Reason for Withholding: The information that has been withheld reflected a specific GSA IG investigative goal as part of its technique in conducting a law enforcement investigation regarding an ongoing investigation within the GSA IG’s office. If this information was made publicly available, this would likely cause a current or future subject of an IG investigation to undertake certain actions in order to circumvent the law.</p>

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<p>A draft copy of GSA’s responses to Questions for the Record from the U.S. Senate’s Committee on Environment and Public Works regarding the FBI Headquarters Project sent between White House Counsel and GSA’s Office of General Counsel. This document is an attachment to pages 4, 14 and 15 of the responsive email correspondence sent over to Plaintiff in response to their FOIA request.</p>	<p>4 pages fully withheld from release. (No pages were fully or partially released).</p>	<p>Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5) (in conjunction with the deliberative process)</p>	<p>Content of Withheld Portion: The document was withheld in its entirety.</p> <p>Reason for Withholding: In this draft document, included herein are proposed GSA responses and interagency deliberations between the Office of White House Counsel and GSA’s Office of General Counsel prior to any determination being reached on how GSA would move forward with responding to questions for the record regarding the FBI Headquarters project. The release of this document would have a chilling effect on the ability of GSA to engage in either interagency and intraagency discussions about matters of policy and agency action without concern that said information could be disclosed prior its occurrence.</p>

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<p>A draft copy of GSA’s Office of the Inspector General’s (IG) Draft Review of GSA’s Revised Plan for the FBI Headquarters Consolidation Project sent between White House Counsel and GSA’s Office of General Counsel. This document is an attachment to page 16 of the responsive email correspondence sent over to Plaintiff in response to their FOIA request.</p>	<p>19 pages fully withheld from release. (No pages were partially or fully released.)</p>	<p>Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5) (in conjunction with the deliberative process)</p>	<p>Content of Withheld Portion: This document was withheld in its entirety.</p> <p>Reason for Withholding: In this draft document, the GSA IG provided their initial draft analysis of the GSA’s actions regarding the FBI Headquarters Consolidation Project. This is an investigation sensitive document that has been marked ‘Draft’ by the IG’s office and was provided to GSA in order to review/respond to the IG’s questions therein. Thus this draft document is part of the IG’s deliberative process of analyzing and determining what if any GSA action with respect to the FBI Headquarters project requires further inquiry /or investigation.</p>

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<p>A Draft copy of correspondence from GSA’s General Counsel to GSA IG’s Counsel to the Inspector General concerning a records request for the FBI Headquarters Project. This document is an attachment to pages 17 - 19 of the responsive email correspondence sent over to Plaintiff in response to their FOIA request</p>	<p>3 pages fully withheld from release. (No pages were partially or fully released.)</p>	<p>Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5) (in conjunction with the deliberative process and attorney-work product privileges)</p>	<p>Content of Withheld Portion: This document was withheld in its entirety.</p> <p>Reason for Withholding: This record is a draft copy of the correspondence that GSA’s General Counsel wrote on behalf of the GSA Administrator to the IG’s office in anticipation of potential litigation. It represents the GSA Attorney–work product and is thus exempt from release accordingly. Moreover, the content of this draft document was used by GSA to engage in both interagency and intragency discussions about matters of policy and agency action. Release of this document would have a chilling effect on GSA’s ability protect attorney-work product and its ability to have agency employees engage in discussions about matters of policy and agency action without concern over disclosure of any proposed agency actions prior to its occurrence.</p>

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<p>A White House Briefing Itinerary regarding a discussion of the future of the FBI headquarters on January 24, 2018. This document is an attachment to pages 20, 21 and 23 of the responsive email correspondence sent over to Plaintiff in response to their FOIA request</p>	<p>1 page fully withheld from release. (No pages were partially or fully released.)</p>	<p>Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5) (in conjunction with the Presidential Communications Privilege)</p>	<p>Content of Withheld Portion: This document was withheld in its entirety.</p> <p>Reason for Withholding: This document was withheld pursuant to the Presidential Communications Privilege per the fifth Exemption to the FOIA, as this document is a communication prepared by presidential advisers in the course of preparing advice for the President regarding the future of the FBI Headquarters project.</p>