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Re: Appeal No. A-2020-00825

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Request No. EOUSA 2020-
001427
CDT:JNW

VIA: Email

Dear Hajar Hammado:

You appealed from the action of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to communications between the Department of Justice and President Trump, White House employees, and/or personal attorneys for President Trump concerning investigations, requests for investigation, or other inquiries concerning past and current candidates in the 2020 election. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of EOUSA's search. Please note that EOUSA administratively divided your request into two request files. The subject of this appeal is limited to the portion of your request for records in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Utah. The portion of your request concerning records in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut has been assigned to EOUSA Request No. EOUSA-2020-003560.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming EOUSA's action on your request. EOUSA informed you that it could locate no responsive records subject to the FOIA in its files. I have determined that EOUSA's action was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for such records.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of EOUSA in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Hurd", is positioned above a horizontal line.

X

Matthew Hurd, Acting Chief, Administrative
Appeals Staff