



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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DOS Case: F-2023-13154

Mr. Michael Ding  
611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231  
Washington DC, 20003

Dear Mr. Ding:

This letter responds to your above referenced July 20, 2023, request submitted, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 for “All records of communications between James P. Rubin, Special Envoy and Coordinator, Global Engagement Center, Leah Bray, Acting Coordinator of the Global Engagement Center, Daniel Kimmage, Acting Coordinator of the Global Engagement Center, Alexis “Alex” Frisbie, Senior Technical Advisor, Samaruddin “Sam” K. Stewart, Stevie Hamilton, Alex Dempsey, George Beebe, Adele Ruppe, Matt Chessen, Mary Elizabeth “Mary Beth” Polleywith Imran Ahmed or with any e-mail account ending in the domain name “@counterhate.com.” between January 20, 2021, to present.” The U.S. Department of State’s Office of Information Programs and Services (“the Department”) received your request on the same day it was submitted, and assigned case number F-2023-13154, for tracking purposes.

The Department conducted a search for information responsive to your request and found one, potentially responsive document. Where applicable, we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing the enclosed information and applying FOIA exemptions. As such, we have determined that some information is exempt from release pursuant to the following FOIA exemption:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which concerns material that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual’s personal privacy.

This action closes your request in this office. For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison at [FOIAstatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAstatus@state.gov) or by telephone at (202) 261-8484. Please include the DOS case number in all communications concerning this FOIA request.

If you are not satisfied with the Department’s determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Office of Information Programs and Services, U.S. Department of State, A/GIS/IPS, HST Room B266, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, by email to [FOIAstatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAstatus@state.gov), or by fax to 202-485-1718. If you

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Additionally, if you are not satisfied with this determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; fax: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: As stated