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OSC FOIA Request No. FOIA-2021-109 (Acknowledgement Letter)

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Mr. Gene Hamilton
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Via Email: info@aflegal.org

Re: Freedom of Information Act and/or Privacy Act Request (#FOIA-2021-109)

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

This letter acknowledges that the U.S. Office of Special Counsel's (OSC) Office of the Clerk received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and/or Privacy Act request on June 29, 2021. We understand your request to be "for the time period from October 16, 2020 to January 21, 2021, all statements of policy, guidance documents, rules of procedure, and generally applicable rules or interpretations referring or relating to HA investigations and enforcement. All records referring or relating to the Mike Pompeo HA case file opened on or around October 19, 2020. All records, including but not limited to processing notes, search terms and evidence of located records, relating to the OSC's search for the records identified in request 1 above. Additionally, AFL requests access to the following records from January 20, 2017 to January 21, 2021, All records evidencing investigations of allegations concerning a federal agency or department's arbitrary or capricious withholding of information prohibited under FOIA. All records evidencing investigations of allegations concerning activities prohibited by any civil service law, rule, or regulation, inclusive of OSC's investigations into alleged prohibited personnel practices, against employees." Your request has been assigned tracking number FOIA-2021-109. Please refer to this tracking number in future communications with OSC regarding this request.

OSC categorizes its FOIA requests in two tracks, "simple" and "complex." We then generally process the requests in the order in which they were received within each category. After an initial review, we have placed your request in the complex track.

Please note that your FOIA request presents "unusual circumstances" as described in the FOIA because the request will require searching for, collecting, and examining a voluminous amount of material to determine if there are any responsive records and/or to process responsive records.

Such unusual circumstances allow agencies to extend the time needed to complete the processing of a request beyond 20 working days. You may wish to consider narrowing the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive items or to arrange for an alternative time frame for processing your request.

If you have any questions, would otherwise like to discuss your request, or you require dispute resolution services, please feel free to contact Mahala Dar, OSC's Chief FOIA Officer and acting FOIA Public Liaison, at FOIArequest@osc.gov or at (202) 804-7000. Please reference the above-noted tracking number if you call or write. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer.

Thank you,

/s/

Chauncey Lawson
FOIA Team
Office of the Clerk

You can reach OGIS by mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD, 20740-6001; by email at ogis@nara.gov; by fax at 202-741-5769; or by telephone at 202-741-5770 or toll-free at 1-877-684-6448.