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Reply to attn. of: Office of Communications

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Re: NASA FOIA Tracking Number 22-HQ-F-00417

Dear Mr. Rubinstein

This acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), dated and received in this office on March 30, 2022. Your request was assigned the above-referenced tracking number. You seek:

A. The Agency's "Equity Action Plan," that was required by Section 7 of Executive Order 13985 (January 20, 2021) on "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government," to be submitted to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget by January 20, 2022.

B. The Agency's "Equity Assessment," that was required by Section 5 of Executive Order 13985 (January 20, 2021) on "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government," to be submitted to the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy by August 8, 2021.

Your request was placed in the queue for processing in the order in which it was received. We anticipate responding to your request within 20 business days. Please note, however, that the actual time required to respond to your request depends on the number and types of responsive records identified and located in our records search. Unfortunately, we cannot predict exactly when your request will be processed as we currently have a backlog of requests. We are using our best efforts to process all requests with due diligence and we appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Fee Category

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. The fees that may be assessed to process a FOIA request vary depending on the category into which the FOIA requester falls. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(I),(II),(III). Based on information in your request, we determined that you are in the educational/scientific/media requester category. Such requesters are charged for duplication at a rate of \$0.15 per page, although the first 100 pages are free. If you disagree with this determination, please provide us with additional information to support the assessment of a different fee category.

You did not agree to pay any fees. Should our search locate any records responsive to your request, we will only provide you with records up to your statutory entitlement of 100 pages.

Fee Waiver Request

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request. Should the fee waiver be denied, however, you have not agreed to pay fees. We will contact you before any additional fees accrue.

If you have any questions please contact me at <u>Alyssa.k.bias@nasa.gov</u> or 1 (202) 358-4464 and provide the above-referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

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