

ICE FOIA Request 2021-ICFO-37837

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Reed Rubinstein 611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231 Washington, DC 20003

RE: ICE FOIA Case Number 2021-ICFO-37837

Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

This acknowledges receipt of your July 20, 2021, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), for A. All communications, whether electronic mail, text message, phone message, phone records, or otherwise, referring or relating to the termination, closing, or replacement of the Victim of Immigration Crime Engagement Office. The date range for this request is January 20, 2021, until the date the records request is processed. B. All communications whether electronic mail, text message, phone message, phone records, or otherwise, referring or relating to establishing a more "comprehensive and inclusive" office to replace VOICE. The date range for this request is January 20, 2021, until the date the records request is processed. C. All communications whether electronic mail, text message, phone message, phone records, or otherwise, referring or relating to "victim support" and how ICE will continue to support victims of crime at the hands of illegal aliens upon the termination of the VOICE Office. The date range for this request is January 20, 2021, until the date the records request is processed. D. All communications whether electronic mail, text message, phone message, phone records, or otherwise, referring or relating to how ICE would continue the mission of the VOICE Office upon its termination. The date range for this request is January 20, 2021, until the date the records request is processed. E. All communications whether electronic mail, text message, phone message, phone records, or otherwise, referring or relating to how ICE will continue to provide victims of crime timely information as the VOICE Office did. The date range for this request is January 20, 2021, until the date the records request is processed. F. All communications whether electronic mail, text message, phone message, phone records, or otherwise, referring or relating to Vera Bergengruen's article cited above. The date range for this request is May 10, 2021, until the date the records request is processed. G. All records, including, but not limited to, electronic mail, texts, memoranda, and handwritten notes, of, regarding, referring, or relating to the VOICE Office in the possession of each of the following custodians: 1. Tae D. Johnson 2. Matthew C. Allen 3. Timothy Perry 4. Corey Price 5. Patrick Lechleitner 6. Staci Barrera 7. Aldemar Rodriquez 8. John D. Trasviña 9. Any political appointee serving at ICE. The timeframe for this request is January 20, 2021, until the date the records request is processed. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/20/2021 To 07/20/2021). Your request was received in this office on July 20, 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: Requesters seeking responsive records from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are encouraged to create a DHS FOIA Public Access Link (PAL) account at: https://foiarequest.dhs.gov. Creating a PAL account will allow you to directly submit your FOIA request to ICE and track the status of your request. In PAL, you can view your prior PAL submissions, sent correspondences, and responsive records. Although PAL is preferred, ICE FOIA will continue to accept FOIA requests via email at ICE-FOIA@ice.dhs.gov or via regular mail at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Freedom of Information Act Office, 500 12th St. SW, STOP 5009, Washington, DC 20536-5009.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, ICE processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although ICE's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. As your request seeks numerous documents that will necessitate a thorough and wide-ranging search, ICE will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by Title 5 U.S.C. \S 552(a)(6)(B). If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

FOR COMMERCIAL REQUESTERS:

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to commercial requesters. As a

commercial requester, you will be charged 10 cents per page for duplication, and for search and review time at the per quarter-hour rate (\$4.00 for clerical personnel, \$7.00 for professional personnel, \$10.25 for managerial personnel) of the searcher and reviewer. We will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. You will be contacted before any further fees are accrued.

We have queried the appropriate program offices within ICE for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2021-ICFO-37837**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. To check the status of an ICE FOIA/PA request, please visit http://www.dhs.gov/foia-status. Please note that to check the status of a request, you must enter the 2021-ICFO-37837 tracking number. If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the FOIA office. You may send an e-mail to ice-foia@ice.dhs.gov, call toll free (866) 633-1182, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Marcus Francis, in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Regards,

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