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Washington, D.C. 20535

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MR. MICHAEL DING AMERICA FIRST LEGAL FOUNDATION NUMBER 231 611 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON, DC 20003

> Request No.: 1647693-0 Subject: All documents related to Tim Walz's connections with, and travels to, the People's Republic of China

Dear Mr. Ding:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the FBI. The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Below you will find information relevant to your request. Please read each paragraph carefully.

You have requested records on one or more third party individuals. Please be advised the FBI will neither confirm nor deny the existence of such records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). The mere acknowledgement of the existence of FBI records on third party individuals could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This is our standard response to such requests and should not be taken to mean that records do, or do not, exist. As a result, your request has been closed. Please visit www.fbi.gov/foia and select "Requesting FBI Records" for more information about making requests for records on third party individuals (living or deceased).

If you submitted your request through the FBI's eFOIPA portal and you are receiving correspondence through standard mail, it was determined your request did not meet the eFOIPA terms of service.

Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact <u>foipaquestions@fbi.gov</u>. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is 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.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Seidel Section Chief

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Enclosure