

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

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Via Electronic Mail
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Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

August 25, 2023

This is in further response to your August 31, 2021 Freedom of Information Act requests, which were received by the Civil Rights Division between August 31, 2021, seeking access to records regarding:

Information pertaining to all Voting Section attorneys, both political appointees and career, who are GS Grade 12 Step 1 or higher; Communications for all attorneys employed by, detailed or assigned to, and/or supervising the Voting Section with listed external entities; Expansion of the size and staff of the Voting Section, regarding potential new hires, detailees, and/or the category or types of attorneys including preferred backgrounds, affiliations, background or qualifications; Communications with, any person having an email address containing eop.gov.; Sufficient to identify every person employed by DOJ who analyzed, reviewed, researched, evaluated, approved the legal sufficiency of, and/or authorized the filing of the Georgia case as well as communications with eop.gov regarding the Georgia case; sufficient to identify each person who wrote, reviewed, revised and contributed to, or approved all or part of the Policy Address; Information related to "abnormal post-election audit methodologies" and "disinformation," between January 21, 2021 and present.

Attached, please find 156 pages of documents responsive to your request. I have determined that these records may be disclosed to you subject to the deletion of personal information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) since disclosure thereof would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) since the intra-agency communications consist of pre-decisional deliberative material, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(A) since disclosure thereof could reasonably be expected to interfere with law enforcement proceedings and 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(E) since disclosure of guidelines for law enforcement investigations and prosecutions could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law . Please be advised that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

In addition to these records, there are <u>3</u> pages of potentially responsive Voting Section documents that are still in consultation stage. CRT is working to produce the disclosable portions of these documents before September 29, 2023. CRT will continue to process these records and provide them to you pursuant to the Joint Status Report.

If you have questions about this response, you may contact Michael Gerardi at 202-616-0680 or michael.j.gerardi@usdoj.gov.

I hope the Civil Rights Division has been of some assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kilian Kagle

Kilian Kagle, Chief Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Unit Civil Rights Division