



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20201

Refer to: Request Number **2023-00975-FOIA-OS**

July 20, 2023

Sent via email:

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Dear Reed Rubinstein:

This acknowledges receipt of your **July 20, 2023** Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), FOI/Privacy Acts Division concerning

“II. Requested Records

“All records of communications between the custodians listed below with [The Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH) founder and CEO] Imran Ahmed or with any e-mail account ending in the domain name “@counterhate.com.” The time frame for this request is January 20, 2021 to the date this request is processed.

“III. Custodians

“Office of the Secretary

1. Xavier Becerra, Secretary of HHS 2. Vivek H. Murthy, Surgeon General 3. Katharine Dealy, Chief Engagement Officer for the Surgeon General 4. Yolanda Byrd, HHS Digital Engagement Team 5. Christy Choi, HHS Office of Communications 6. Ashley Morse, HHS Director of Digital Engagement 7. Joshua Peck, HHS Deputy Assistant Secretary 8. Janell Muhammed, HHS Deputy Digital Director

“National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

9. Dr. Hugh Auchincloss, Director of NIAID

“Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

10. Carol Y. Crawford, Chief of the Digital Media Branch 11. Jay Dempsey, Social-media Team Leader, Digital Media Branch 12. Kate Galatas, CDC Deputy Communications Director (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/20/2021 To [7/20/2023])”.

We received your request, on **July 20, 2023**, and are referring the part of it which relates to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to that agency for direct response to you. Because HHS FOIA administration is decentralized, that part of your request will be closed in this office. Upon receipt, NIH will log your request, and issue you a new tracking number for your reference. You may check the status of your request, with NIH, at 301-496-5633 or nihfoia@mail.nih.gov.

If you are not satisfied with any aspect of the processing and handling of this request, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from:

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