



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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RE: Your FOIA Request to Treasury, Case Number 2019-08-039

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This is the final response of the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 8/4/2019. You have requested access to the following records:

“All emails sent to, from, or copied to Steven Mnuchin from July 20, 2019 to August 4, 2019 containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-strings:

"Stephen.Miller@who.eop.gov" or "Mulvaney", if possible, please search the body (content) and header (to, from, copied to, and title) portions of the emails as well. I am looking to obtain records of emails that are sent to, from, copied to, or make mention of Stephen Miller and Mick Mulvaney.”

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and a reasonable search was conducted for records responsive to your request. In response to the search, 176 pages were located within the Departmental Offices of Treasury. After carefully considering these records, I am releasing 116 pages in full and 59 pages in part. One page is fully withheld. The withheld information is protected from disclosure under the FOIA pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) and (b)(6).

FOIA Exemption 5 exempts from disclosure “inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency.” This includes communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”

There are no fees assessed at this time since allowable charges fell below \$25.

You have the right to appeal this decision within 90 days from the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for your appeal. Please also cite the FOIA reference number noted above. Your appeal should be addressed to:

FOIA Appeal
FOIA and Transparency
Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

If you submit your appeal by mail, clearly mark the letter and the envelope with the words "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days from the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison for assistance via email at FOIAPL@treasury.gov, or via phone at (202) 622-8098. A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If the FOIA Public Liaison is unable to satisfactorily resolve your question or concern, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly by email at OGIS@nara.gov, by phone at (877) 684-6448, by fax at (202) 741-5769 or by mail at the address below:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Please note that contacting any agency official (including the FOIA analyst, FOIA Requester Service Center, FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90-day appeal clock

If any questions arise, please contact Dennis G. Harter via e-mail at FOIA@Treasury.gov.
Please reference FIOA case number 2019-08-039 when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Bittner".

Mark Bittner
Director, FOIA and Transparency
Office of Privacy, Transparency, and Records

Enclosure:
Responsive document (176 pages)