

# FOIA APPEAL

July 28, 2021

This is a follow up to a previous request:

Notice of Appeal:

5 USC 552

18 USC 371

18 USC 2261a

Requests made in relation to briefs would not be broad-spectrum based on executive-level briefing policy. I feel the response lacks candor under oath and is an obstruction tactic. Citing for 18 USC 371 for misuse of time and 18 usc 2261a for correspondence. Executive briefings on matters of the United States would be a sensational newsworthy matter and immediate disclosure of said records would be in the United States interest.

View request history, see one related attachment, upload responsive documents, and report problems here:  
<https://www.muckrock.com/respond/1132454/>

If prompted for a passcode, please enter:

HNGEECEL

Attachments:

- 2021-HQFO-01194 - Acknowledgement

Filed via MuckRock.com

E-mail (Preferred): 114227-93075838@requests.muckrock.com

For mailed responses, please address (see note):

MuckRock News

DEPT MR 114227

411A Highland Ave

Somerville, MA 02144-2516

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.

---

MuckRock News  
DEPT MR 114227  
411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516  
114227-93075838@requests.muckrock.com

---

On July 27, 2021:

Subject: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2021-HQFO-01194 Acknowledgment

Good afternoon,

Attached is our acknowledgment of your DHS FOIA request. If you need to contact this office again concerning your request, please provide the DHS reference number. This will enable us to quickly retrieve the information you are seeking and reduce our response time. This office can be reached at 866-431-0486.

Regards,

DHS Privacy Office

Disclosure & FOIA Program

STOP 0655

Department of Homeland Security

245 Murray Drive, SW

Washington, DC 20528-0655

Telephone: 1-866-431-0486 or 202-343-1743

Fax: 202-343-4011

Visit our FOIA website (<http://www.dhs.gov/foia>)

---

On June 16, 2021:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Briefs

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

EFOIA Request

I was seeking copies of any records, of briefings provided to DHS former Chad Wolf related to anything in the state of Nevada .

Please include any calendar entries, records of phone calls, meeting summaries, etc.

Dates to search: 2020-2021

Vaughn Index Requested for any materials you claim are subject to exemption.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

MuckRock News  
DEPT MR 114227  
411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516  
114227-93075838@requests.muckrock.com

---

William Fernandes

View request history, see one related attachment, upload responsive documents, and report problems here:  
<https://www.muckrock.com/respond/1132454/>

If prompted for a passcode, please enter:  
HNGEECEL

Attachments:

- 2021-HQFO-01194 - Acknowledgement

Filed via MuckRock.com  
E-mail (Preferred): 114227-93075838@requests.muckrock.com

For mailed responses, please address (see note):

MuckRock News  
DEPT MR 114227  
411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.



Homeland  
Security

*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

July 27, 2021

**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 114227-93075838@requests.muckrock.com**

William Fernandes  
MuckRock News DEPT MR 114227  
411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, Massachusetts 02144

Re: **2021-HQFO-01194**

Dear Mr. Fernandes:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated June 28, 2021, and seeking any records of briefings provided to DHS former Chad Wolf related to anything in the state of Nevada. Your request was received in this office on June 28, 2021.

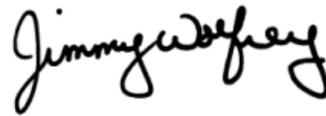
After careful review of your FOIA request, we determined that your request is too broad in scope or did not specifically identify the records which you are seeking. Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason, 6 C.F.R. Part 5 §5.3(b) of the DHS FOIA regulations require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, and subject matter of the records, if known, or the DHS component or office you believe created and/or controls the record. The FOIA does not require an agency to create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records.

Please resubmit your request containing a reasonable description of the records you are seeking. This is not a denial of your request. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request. If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2021-HQFO-01194**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: <https://foiarequest.dhs.gov/app/CheckStatus.aspx>, by using this FOIA request number.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 1-866-431-0486 or at 202-343-1743.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy Wolfrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent dot over the 'i' in Jimmy.

Jimmy Wolfrey  
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management  
(Acting)