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November 2, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 20/074

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received by the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) FOIA Office on August 26, 2020. In your request, you asked for “all OGE records about [Sec. Pompeo’s speech to the Republican National Convention], including emails, memos, letters, congressional inquiries, complaints or other documents or records,” as well “a copy of each OGE guidance that includes discussion of participation by federal officials in national political party conventions.”

In response, we are enclosing 21 pages of records, subject to deletions made in accordance with FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), as inter-agency predecisional deliberative process material, and subject to deletions made in accordance with FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), as information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The deletions are each marked with a reference “(b)(5)” or “(b)(6)” in the enclosed copies. For your information, publicly available trainings from OGE’s Institute for Ethics in Government related to the Hatch Act are available [here](#) and [here](#). In addition, OGE advisories ([LA-11-06](#), [96x22](#), [96x6](#), [DO-96-037](#)) related to political activities are also publicly available on OGE’s website.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact me by telephone at 202-482-9216. I am available for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. 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.



The OGE official responsible for this FOIA determination is the undersigned. In accordance with the FOIA, as codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), and OGE's updated FOIA regulations, at 5 C.F.R. § 2604.304, you may administratively appeal to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005-3917. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 90 days of the date you receive this response letter. If you do appeal, you should include copies of your request and this response, together with a statement of why you believe this initial determination is in error. Also, if you appeal, you should clearly indicate on the envelope and in the letter that it is a "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

JENNIFER MATIS
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Jennifer Matis
Alternate OGE FOIA Officer

Enclosure

Nonresponsive record

ID	1262
Caller	National Transportation Safety Board
Question	Questions related to gift acceptance in the context of political conventions
Resolved By	Wendy Pond
Resolved Date	6/28/2012
Category	Gifts
Call Details	(b) (5)
Call Resolution	(b) (5)

Nonresponsive record

From: [Acosta, Jim](#)
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Will OGE be conducting a review of WH and admin officials being used in convention events?
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:48:03 AM

Morning...

Wondering if your office is looking into the use of WH grounds and the participation of admin officials such as the Secretary of State, the acting DHS Secretary or economic advise Larry Kudlow during the GOP convention. Many thanks.

Jim Acosta
CNN

Sent from my iPhone

From: (b) (6)
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: RE: Violations of Hatch Act
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:47:07 PM

As I stated in my original email "I'm aware that Mr. Trump & Mr. Pence are INDIVIDUALLY exempted from the Hatch Act". We're inquiring as to what actions you are taking for the OTHER Employees of the Executive Branch...in other words ALL of those cited EXCEPT the President & the Vice President. It really sounds like you're trying to shirk your responsibilities.

Dwayne & Maxine Dvoracek

(b) (6)

From: Contact OGE <contactoge@oge.gov>
Sent: 26 August 2020 16:24
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Violations of Hatch Act

Thank you for your response,

In most cases, it would be the Inspector General of the department or agency involved who would determine whether to investigate such alleged misconduct. In addition, in appropriate cases, the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice may determine to investigate alleged misconduct of federal employees. OGE has no enforcement authority.

Regarding the President.

Most of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch do not apply to a President or Vice President. For instance, OGE's regulations on gifts from outside sources and gifts from employees apply to a President, but OGE's regulations on impartiality in performing official duties and misuse of position do not. Since 1983, however, when OGE issued Legal Advisory 83x16, OGE has consistently held that a President should conduct himself "as if" he or she was bound by the same criminal conflict of interest laws and standards of conduct applicable to executive branch employees.

A President is also bound by the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act (STOCK Act), which imposes limited ethics-related restrictions on the President. For instance, The STOCK Act bars the President from: using nonpublic information for private profit; engaging in insider trading; participating in an initial public offering; intentionally influencing an employment decision or practice of a private entity solely on the basis of partisan political affiliation; and participating in a particular matter directly and predictably affecting the financial interests of any person with whom he has, or is negotiating for, an agreement of future employment or compensation. In addition, OGE is

authorized to review the President's annual, periodic transaction, and termination financial disclosure reports.

Ultimately, under the Constitution, the primary authority to oversee the President's ethics rests with Congress, and, ultimately, with the American people.

For more information on the ethics laws and rules which apply to a President, Vice President and executive branch employees, education materials, letters to Congress, where to report misconduct, and more, please visit the OGE website.

Thank you.

Contact OGE

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From: (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Contact OGE <contactoge@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Violations of Hatch Act

Ok so the RNC is outside of your jurisdiction BUT since when are ANY of the others outside the executive branch? Last time I checked the President, Cabinet members & their staffs ARE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH!

Dwayne & Maxine Dvoracek

(b) (6)

From: Contact OGE <contactoge@oge.gov>
Sent: 26 August 2020 13:20
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Violations of Hatch Act

Dear Dwayne & Maxine Dvoracek,

This is in response to your e-mail to the United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

While we appreciate your e-mail, OGE was established by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to be the office responsible for setting policies aimed at the prevention of conflicts of interest in the executive branch of the Federal Government. OGE, a small agency within the executive branch, assists other executive branch departments and agencies to implement ethics rules and policies that deal with conflict-of-interest laws, post-employment restrictions, the standards of ethical conduct,

and the public and confidential financial disclosure systems for executive branch federal employees.

OGE's jurisdiction extends only to the specific ethics issues described above within the executive branch of the U.S. Government. OGE does not undertake for investigation the allegations of misconduct of the type you describe in your e-mail. In most cases, it would be the Inspector General of the department or agency involved who would determine whether to investigate such alleged misconduct. In addition, in appropriate cases, the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice may determine to investigate alleged misconduct of federal employees.

We regret that this office could not be of further assistance.
Thank you.

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Contact OGE <contactoge@oge.gov>
Subject: Violations of Hatch Act
Importance: High

Is this office doing ANYTHING to bring charges against the numerous & frequent violations of the Hatch Act by the RNC & Trump administration this week? I personally witnessed violations by SOS Pompeo, Sec. of Ag Perdue, Ivanka Trump, Donald Trump Jr., not to mention ALL of the Trump Administrations support staff working on the US Taxpayer's time & dime!! I spent more than 30 years in combined military & Federal service & was CONTINUALLY reminded of my duties & obligations under the Hatch Act. I'm aware that Mr. Trump & Mr. Pence are INDIVIDUALLY exempted from the Hatch Act but that does NOT exempt everyone around them!

We expect PROSECUTIONS,

Dwayne & Maxine Dvoracek

(b) (6)

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From: [Cheryl L. Kane-Piasecki](#)
To: [Agency Wide](#)
Subject: FW: OSC Clarifies its Hatch Act Role in Light of Republican National Convention
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:53:13 PM

All—

Below is a recent press release from the Office of Special Counsel in which they clarify their role.

Best,
Cheryl

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From: Hatchact Update [mailto:00000002b1f8701b-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.OSC.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:18 PM
To: HATCHACT@LISTSERV.OSC.GOV
Subject: OSC Clarifies its Hatch Act Role in Light of Republican National Convention

Below please find a press release the U.S. Office of Special Counsel issued earlier today.

U.S. Office of Special Counsel
1730 M Street, N.W., Suite 218
Washington, D.C. 20036-4505

OSC Clarifies its Hatch Act Role in Light of Republican National Convention

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Zachary Kurz, (202) 804-7065; zkurz@osc.gov

WASHINGTON, D.C./August 26, 2020 – In light of significant media interest in the Hatch Act over the last several days, and specifically its application to the Republican National Convention, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) today released the following information to clarify its role.

OSC has jurisdiction to enforce the Hatch Act, a civil administrative law that limits the political activities of federal executive branch employees. But the law expressly does not apply to the President or the Vice President. OSC also has no statutory authority to enforce or advise on criminal provisions derived from the Hatch Act and found in title 18 of the U.S. Code—including 18 U.S.C. § 610. That task belongs solely to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Under longstanding regulations governing the Hatch Act, there are certain areas of the White House where the Hatch Act does not prohibit federal employees from engaging in political activity. The West Lawn and Rose Garden are two such areas. Therefore, covered federal employees would not necessarily violate the Hatch Act merely by attending political events in those areas.

Special Counsel Henry J. Kerner: “Under the Hatch Act, OSC is charged with encouraging compliance with the law through its robust training and advisory functions. OSC’s role does not include grandstanding or holding press conferences about potential violations that may or may not occur. Ultimately, officials and employees choose whether to comply with the law. Once they make that choice, it is OSC’s statutory role to receive complaints, investigate alleged Hatch Act violations, and determine which ones warrant prosecution. Through this statutory scheme, OSC holds officials and employees accountable when they don’t comply with the law. OSC takes its job seriously and in recent months has increased the number of Hatch Act Unit staff to respond to the growing number of complaints typically received during election years. OSC will continue to vigorously and even-handedly enforce the Hatch Act, consistent with its statutory authorities.”

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) is an independent federal investigative and prosecutorial agency. Our basic authorities come from four federal statutes: The Civil Service Reform Act, the Whistleblower Protection Act, the Hatch Act, and the Uniformed Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). OSC’s primary mission is to safeguard the merit system by protecting federal employees and applicants from prohibited personnel practices, especially reprisal for whistleblowing, and to serve as a safe channel for allegations of wrongdoing. For more information, please visit our website at www.osc.gov.

Please do not send a reply e-mail message to the above-listed address as it is not monitored. However, if you have any Hatch Act related questions, feel free to contact the Hatch Act Unit

at 202-804-7002 or send an e-mail to Hatchact@osc.gov.

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Interaction Number: 20328

Initiation Date*: 2020-08-27

Title*: Contact OGE citizen complaint

Question*: I am deeply concerned about the unethical behavior demonstrated by the President of the United States and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of State during the Republican National Convention. Specifically, I have issue with the following actions:

1. During an official business trip overseas which was paid for by the American people, the Secretary of State delivered a speech at the Republican National Convention. It is unethical and appears to be in violation of the Hatch Act.
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As any honest and decent federal employee knows, ethical behavior is measured by what you do and the appearance of what your behavior and actions.

The behaviors of this administration would not have been tolerated by a career federal employee. Therefore, I would like to know what specific action the United States Office of Government Ethics done to prohibit this unethical behavior by the U.S. Department of State and the White House?

Thank you for your prompt response.
I would appreciate it if you would tell me who, if anyone, is accountable for ensuring ethical behavior from the White House? Or does the current president co tongue to behave unethically without accountability?

Is the Secretary of State bound to ethics regulations?

Update:

Categories*: Hatch Act, Misuse of Position

Origin Of Interaction*: Email

Source*: Non-Agency
Public Citizen

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Position:

Email:

Phone:

Other Contact Notes:

Assignment: Rolando DeLeon

Watching:

Temporary Notes:

created by: Rolando DeLeon

Resolution Information

Resolution Date*: 2020-08-28

Resolution Category*: Resolved

Response*: However, OGE does not undertake for investigation the allegations of misconduct. In most cases, it would be the Inspector General of the department or agency involved who would determine whether to investigate such alleged misconduct. In addition, in

	<p>appropriate cases, the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice may determine to investigate alleged misconduct of federal employees. The Office Of Special Counsel has the authority regarding Hatch Act violations.</p> <p>OGE is not empowered to take the above actions.</p> <p>In addition to the above organizations Congress has oversight of senior official who are Presidentially appointed and Senate confirmed; and thus have the authority to impeach cabinet officers. (Assigned to: Rolando DeLeon)</p>
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Contributor:	
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Division(s) assigned: PCD

From: [Contact OGE](#)
To: "Eleni Martin"
Subject: RE: Report of unethical behavior/response requested
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:44:52 AM

Yes Ma'am,

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From: Eleni Martin (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Contact OGE <contactoge@oge.gov>
Subject: Re: Report of unethical behavior/response requested

Is the Secretary of State bound to ethics regulations?

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Thursday, August 27, 2020, 11:32 AM, Contact OGE <contactoge@oge.gov> wrote:

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Thank you.

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Eleni Martin

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The Office of Special Counsel is organization responsible for violations of the Hatch act. <https://osc.gov/Contact>

We regret that this office could not be of further assistance.

Thank you.

Contact OGE

U.S. Office of Government Ethics

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From: Eleni Martin (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Contact OGE <contactoge@oge.gov>
Subject: Report of unethical behavior/response requested

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From: [KATHY BOYLON](#)
To: [Contact OGE](#)
Subject: Enforce the Hatch Act
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:16:36 PM

To whom it may concern,

Could you please do your job and arrest Mike Pompeo, the current Secretary of State, for violating the Hatch Act? Making a speech at the Republican National Convention while traveling as a US government representative.

I think you have failed to maintain any sort of ethical Behavior in the White House in the last three and a half years but at least you should arrest Mike f or such an obvious breaking of the law.

Sincerely,

Kathy Boylon

(b) (6)

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Interaction Number: 20325

Initiation Date*:	2020-08-26
Title*:	Contact OGE citizen complaint
Question*:	<p>Is this office doing ANYTHING to bring charges against the numerous & frequent violations of the Hatch Act by the RNC & Trump administration this week? I personally witnessed violations by SOS Pompeo, Sec. of Ag Perdue, Ivanka Trump, Donald Trump Jr., not to mention ALL of the Trump Administrations support staff working on the US Taxpayer's time & dime!! I spent more than 30 years in combined military & Federal service & was CONTINUALLY reminded of my duties & obligations under the Hatch Act. I'm aware that Mr. Trump & Mr. Pence are INDIVIDUALLY exempted from the Hatch Act but that does NOT exempt everyone around them!</p> <p>Ok so the RNC is outside of your jurisdiction BUT since when are ANY of the others outside the executive branch? Last time I checked the President, Cabinet members & their staffs ARE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH!</p> <p>As I stated in my original email "I'm aware that Mr. Trump & Mr. Pence are INDIVIDUALLY exempted from the Hatch Act". We're inquiring as to what actions you are taking for the OTHER Employees of the Executive Branch...in other words ALL of those cited EXCEPT the President & the Vice President. It really sounds like you're trying to shirk your responsibilities.</p>
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Categories*:	Hatch Act
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Public Citizen
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Last Name:	
Title:	
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Resolution Information

Resolution Date*:	2020-08-27
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	<p>This is in response to your e-mail to the United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE).</p> <p>While we appreciate your e-mail, OGE was established by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to be the office responsible for setting policies aimed at the prevention of conflicts of interest in the executive branch of the Federal Government. OGE, a small agency within the executive branch, assists other executive branch departments and agencies to implement ethics rules and policies that deal with conflict-of-interest laws, post-employment restrictions, the standards of ethical conduct, and the public and confidential financial disclosure systems for executive branch federal employees.</p> <p>OGE's jurisdiction extends only to the specific ethics issues described above within the executive branch of the U.S. Government. OGE does not undertake for investigation the allegations of misconduct of the type you describe in your e-mail. In most cases, it would be the Inspector General of the department or agency involved who would determine whether to investigate such alleged misconduct. In addition, in appropriate cases, the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice may determine to</p>

investigate alleged misconduct of federal employees.

OGE lacks the authority to investigate or pursue corrective actions for violations of statutes.

Each individual agency holds the responsibility to enforce the standards established by OGE regulations. For each agency the Office of the Inspector General typically investigates violations of regulations.

The department of justice is responsible for the investigation and enforcement of criminal statutes and may bring civil cases as well.

The Office of Special Counsel has the express authority to investigate the issues you raise related to the Hatch Act.
<https://osc.gov/Contact>

We regret that this office could not be of further assistance.

(Assigned to: Rolando DeLeon)

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Interaction Number: 20340

Initiation Date*:	2020-08-28
Title*:	Contact OGE citizen complaint
Question*:	<p>It has come to my attention that the use of the White House and property as during the final night of the Republic National Convention is a clear violation of the Hatch Act. Additionally, government personnel, other than the President and Vice President, participating in the RNC on White House property are also in violation of the Hatch Act. Finally, Pompeo's speech Wednesday night for the RNC would also seem to be a violation. He was on official U.S. business in a foreign country.</p> <p>This must be addressed immediately. The flagrant violation of the Hatch Act concerns me greatly. It is a sad nation that picks and chooses which violations of the law will be investigated.</p> <p>I thank you for your time and attention to this grave matter.</p>
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Categories*:	Hatch Act
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Title:	
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	We regret that this office could not be of further assistance. (Assigned to: Rolando DeLeon)
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