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Description of document: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) emails in the email account of the Deputy Assistant Director for Congressional Affairs in the US Secret Service Office of Government and Public Affairs which contains any of the following words: CAPITAL, CAPITOL, POLICE, ATTACK, MOB, VIOLENCE, or TRUMP, 06-07 January 2021

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**Homeland
Security**

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

June 8, 2022

SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: **2022-HQFO-00085**
U.S. Secret Service FOIA Case # 20210436

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the United States Secret Service (USSS), dated January 23, 2021, and received by this office on October 6, 2021. You requested emails in the email accounts of the following person in the US Secret Service Office of Government and Public Affairs (the Deputy Assistant Director for Congressional Affairs), which contains any of the following words: CAPITAL, CAPITOL, POLICE, ATTACK, MOB, VIOLENCE, or TRUMP (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/6/2021 To 1/7/2021).

While processing your request, USSS located records that fall under the purview of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Accordingly, your request and 16 pages of responsive records after removing duplicate records were referred to this office for processing and direct response to you. This office received your request on October 6, 2021.

I have determined that portions of these pages are partially releasable pursuant to FOIA Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) and FOIA Exemptions 5, 6 and 7(C).

FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure those inter- or intra-agency documents that are normally privileged in the civil discovery context. The three most frequently invoked privileges are the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work-product privilege, and the attorney-client privilege. After carefully reviewing the responsive documents, I determined that portions of the responsive documents qualify for protection under the:

- **Deliberative Process Privilege**

The deliberative process privilege protects the integrity of the deliberative or decision-making processes within the agency by exempting from mandatory disclosure opinions, conclusions, and recommendations included within inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters. The release of this internal information would discourage the

expression of candid opinions and inhibit the free and frank exchange of information among agency personnel.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

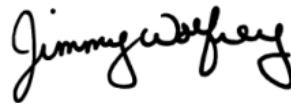
Pursuant to DHS Instruction 262-11-004, FOIA Officers at DHS have been instructed to withhold personally identifiable information (PII) and sensitive personally identifiable information (SPII) of DHS personnel unless a determination is made that the disclosure does not raise security or privacy concerns, or if those concerns are outweighed by any public interest in that information. This policy is available online. Under this policy, the names of senior leaders, spokespersons, and political appointees are generally releasable. With respect to this FOIA request, DHS may have applied FOIA Exemption 6 to protect PII of DHS employees, including names and contact information. To the extent that has DHS withheld employee PII within these records, it has been determined that the employee(s) has/have substantial and legitimate privacy interests and that these interests are not outweighed by any public interest in the operations of the Department.

Exemption 7(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate. As such, I have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of individuals in the records you have requested clearly outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Please note that any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into this determination.

You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2022-HQFO-00085**. You may send an e-mail to foia@hq.dhs.gov, call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Wolfrey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jimmy" and last name "Wolfrey" clearly distinguishable.

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

Enclosure(s): Responsive Documents, 16 pages

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL)
Sent: Thu, 7 Jan 2021 18:03:25 -0500
To: (b)(6) (IGL)
Cc: (b)(6) (IGL); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL)
Subject: Fwd: *Update (ART/PTC attendees added) - URGENT DHS Agency Review Team (ART) Meeting on: Briefing with USSS re: NSSE Inauguration planning and preparedness/COG
Attachments: smime.p7s

Sir, for your visibility:

DHS PTO / ART members have requested their inauguration briefing tomorrow.

AD PARAMORE has advised OPO; we are still awaiting final on who will participate from our end.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Begin forwarded message:

From: PTO (b)(6)
Date: January 7, 2021 at 5:09:30 PM EST
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Per (IGL); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Per USSS
Subject: FW: *Update (ART/PTC attendees added) - URGENT DHS Agency Review Team (ART) Meeting on: Briefing with USSS re: NSSE Inauguration planning and preparedness/COG

-----Original Appointment-----

From: PTO (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 5:02 PM
To: PTO; FARON PARAMORE (SII); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Per USSS (IGL)
Subject: FW: *Update (ART/PTC attendees added) - URGENT DHS Agency Review Team (ART) Meeting on: Briefing with USSS re: NSSE Inauguration planning and preparedness/COG
When: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Importance: High

-----Original Appointment-----

From: BAILEY, MARIA On Behalf Of PTO

Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 12:13 PM

To: PTO; (b)(6)

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Cc: BAILEY, MARIA; (b)(6) KOUMANS, MARK; (b)(6)

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Importance: High

PTC Members—updating the meeting request to include I&A senior leadership and any law enforcement component or other component providing operational support during this time including the NSSE federal coordinator.

Please let me know if you have questions or I may be of further service. –mdb
7Jan21

DHS Agency Review Team (ART) and Presidential Transition Council (PTC) Members,

The DHS Presidential Transition Office (PTO) has received this request for a meeting from the President-elect's DHS ART.

DHS PTC members (SCAOs, CAOs, EAs) must forward this invitation to their Component/Directorate/Office subject matter experts who need to participate in this meeting.

Please click on the Join Teams Meeting icon in your Outlook command ribbon above or below on the “Click here to join the meeting” link in order to join the meeting.

If you are joining the meeting from a cellphone, please enter your name and cellphone number in the meeting Chat so that we know who you are.

If you have briefing materials that you would like to provide to the ART in advance of your scheduled meeting please submit them through your Component/Directorate/Office PTC SCAO/SAO/CAO who will forward to the PTO general mailbox (b)(6) PTC SCAOs/SAOs/CAOs can be found in the PTC Team Members line item below.

Topic:

Briefing with USSS re: NSSE Inauguration planning and preparedness/COG

Description:

(1) current NSSE planning/preparedness for the Inauguration, including to secure the Capitol and crowd control/violent protest response; and (2) related continuity of government efforts

ART Team Member(s):

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PTC Team Member(s):

USSS:

Faron Paramore

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); Per USSS

FEMA:

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OPS:

Todd Heinz

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PTO Team Member(s):

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, Deputy Director

(b)(6)

Special Assistant

Facilitator:

(b)(6) PTO

Administrative Duties

(b)(6) PTO

Additional Component/Directorate/Office Participant(s):

ART requested: I&A senior leadership and any other law enforcement component or other component providing operational support during this time including the NSSE federal coordinator.

Date:

8 Jan 2021

Start Time (normally NET 9:00 am EST):

2:00 pm

End Time (normally NLT 5:00 pm EST):

3:00 pm

Potential Read-ahead materials:

None specified

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Please direct any questions to the PTO general mailbox:

PTO (b)(6)

V/R,
mdb

Maria D. Bailey
Deputy Director of Operations
Presidential Transition Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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PTO Core Principles:
Mission Focus « Respect « Collaboration
Communication « Transparency « Timeliness

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SNAP OPSDEPS Conference Call

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Subject: ~~(U//LES)~~ SNAP LE OPSDEPS - 1530 EST Today

Importance: High

The Director of Operations Coordination will convene a SNAP OPSDEPS Conference Call, Wed, 06 Jan 2021- 1530 EDT.

- Purpose: Discuss ~~LE~~ support to USCP:

Agenda:

- Current situation (NOC)
 - Request for LE Support to US Capitol
 - FPS – LEAD
 - CBP
 - ICE
 - USSS
 - TSA
 - Required coordination.
 - ROE
 - C2
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- Classification: ~~Unclassified/Law Enforcement Sensitive~~

Please dial into the conference no later than 0855 EDT.

- Dial (b)(6)

If you need assistance, please contact the Office of Operations Coordination, National Operations Center at (b)(6)

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From: Tomney, Christopher

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Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 7:35 PM

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Subject: RE: ~~(S//FOUO)~~ AS2 Brief on Civil Unrest in
the NOC - 0800 EST 7 Jan

+ Faron Paramore USSS

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NOC – Please take call in number FORAC. Thanks.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 7:23 PM

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Thanks.

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Faron K. Paramore
Assistant Director
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To: (b)(6) (DEP)

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Importance: High

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moning at 7:55am. (b)(5)

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(Please see email below).

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Thanks.

Faron.

Faron K. Paramore
Assistant Director
Office of Strategic Intelligence & Information (SII)
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