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Cc: CFA FOIA Requests <[foia@cfa.gov](mailto:foia@cfa.gov)>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 11:31:48 AM EDT  
Subject: RE: CFA 202109

Pursuant to your Freedom of Information Act request (5 U.S.C. § 552), for “A copy of each letter and each email from the White House (or from the President or from the White House Office of Presidential Personnel) to the Commission of Fine Arts during the timeframe May 1, 2021 to the present,” dated June 5, 2021, received June 7, 2021 and assigned reference number CFA2021-09, we are writing to complete our response for “a copy of each letter and each email from the White House (or from the President or from the White House Office of Presidential Personnel) to the Commission of Fine Arts during the timeframe May 1, 2021 to the present.”

Attached, please find a self-extracting .zip file containing documents responsive to your request. Please let me know if you have any difficulty accessing the documents.

Responsive documents total 62 pages with redactions, per 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).

Thank you for your interest in the Commission of Fine Arts and its activities. The foregoing determination may be appealed administratively within thirty days of the date of this letter by writing to:

The Department of the Interior  
Office of the Solicitor  
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If you need any further assistance, please contact me at the above address or you can reach me at (202) 504-2200 or [sraposa@cfa.gov](mailto:sraposa@cfa.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/ Susan M. Raposa  
Technical Information Specialist  
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**To:** Susan Raposa  
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**Cc:** Ladjevardian, Atissa EOP/WHO [REDACTED]  
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Hi – yes – will be back to you soon! For now you can feel free to direct press inquiries to the WH

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I presume you saw this: <https://thefederalist.com/2021/05/24/biden-purges-non-partisan-us-commission-on-fine-arts-in-unprecedented-move-against-popular-classical-architecture/>

This is the source that everyone is following up on. Tom

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I appreciate it!

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I sent the edit to the comms team!

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Of course, will do! We will keep you posted. Thanks for your help.

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Perry was the only person who replied with an understanding that he would no longer be serving on the commission.

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Great, thanks. Did any of the commissioners actually resign? And if not, what happens now to document their removal?

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They were terminated at 6pm yesterday by President Biden, per the letters they all received. So they are officially out.

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/05/25/president-biden-announces-his-intent-to-appoint-members-to-the-commission-on-fine-arts/>

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Thank you both so much!

Best,  
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Katie:

Can you please contact me ASAP? I already have 4 major press inquiries and am not sure how to handle this—should they referred to the White House press office? In addition, is there anything official (statements, documents, etc.) that can confirm the resignations/appointment terminations for Shubow, Fagan, Guillot, and Spandle? I have longstanding relationships with these reporters and need to respond in some way this morning. Thank you for your attention to this— Best regards, Tom

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