

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

FOIA or Reference Number

FOIA-2025-000532

Response Number

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Response
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Requester:

Mike Howell, The Daily Signal

Date:

01/14/2026

Description of Requested Records:

Communications, during the time period, 1/20/21 through 1/19/25, between Maxine Keefe and any of the following domains: law.harvard.edu, harvard.edu, hks.harvard.edu, post.harvard.edu, gwu.edu, vt.edu, american.edu, wcl.american.edu, cpl.ucla.edu, ucla.edu, georgetown.edu, law.georgetown.edu, [cont'd next pg]

PART I. -- INFORMATION RELEASED

- ☐ The NRC has made some, or all, of the requested records publicly available through one or more of the following means: (1) <https://www.nrc.gov>; (2) public ADAMS, <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>; (3) microfiche available in the NRC Public Document Room; or the NRC Public Access Link (PAL), at <https://foia.nrc-gateway.gov/app/Home.aspx>.
- ☒ Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.
- ☐ Records subject to the request that contain information originated by or of interest to another Federal agency have been referred to that agency (See Part I.D -- Comments) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are continuing to process your request.
- ☒ See Part I.D -- Comments.

PART I.A -- FEES

AMOUNT

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You will be billed by NRC for the amount indicated.

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You will receive a refund for the amount indicated.

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Fees waived.

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Since the minimum fee threshold was not met, you will not be charged fees.

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Due to our delayed response, you will not be charged search and/or duplication fees that would otherwise be applicable to your request.

PART I.B -- INFORMATION NOT LOCATED OR WITHHELD FROM DISCLOSURE

- ☐ We did not locate any agency records responsive to your request. *Note:* Agencies may treat three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records as not subject to the FOIA ("exclusions"). See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This is a standard notification given to all requesters; it should not be taken to mean that any excluded records do, or do not, exist.
- ☒ We have withheld certain information pursuant to the FOIA exemptions described, and for the reasons stated, in Part II.
- ☐ Because this is an interim response to your request, you may not appeal at this time. We will notify you of your right to appeal any of the responses we have issued in response to your request when we issue our final determination.
- ☒ You may appeal this final determination within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. If you submit an appeal by mail, address it to the FOIA Officer, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-6 A60M, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. You may submit an appeal by email to FOIA.resource@nrc.gov. You may fax an appeal to (301) 415-5130. Please be sure to include on your submission that it is a "FOIA Appeal." You may file an appeal through the NRC Public Access Link (PAL) at <https://foia.nrc-gateway.gov/app/Home.aspx>.

PART I.C -- REFERENCES AND POINTS OF CONTACT

You have the right to seek assistance from the NRC's FOIA Public Liaison by submitting your inquiry at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/contact-foia.html>, or by calling the FOIA Public Liaison at (301) 415-0717.

If we have denied your request, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the NRC's Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). To seek dispute resolution services from OGIS, you may email OGIS at ogis@nara.gov, send a fax to (202) 741-5789, or send a letter to: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. For additional information about OGIS, please visit the OGIS website at <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>.



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PART I.D -- COMMENTS

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After a preliminary review of the records located by IT staff, our office reached out to you about narrowing the scope of responsive records. In an email dated August 13, 2025, you agreed to narrow your request based on our description of various common subject matters/types of communications. Several responsive emails were located; they are enclosed with modest redactions of items of personally identifiable information. Please refer to Part II for the exemption claimed.

This completes our processing of your request. Thank you for your patience.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

Alecia S. Sillah

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