



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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September 22, 2017

Ms. Allison Murphy
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Sent via email: Allison.murphy@protectdemocracy.org

RE: The Protect Democracy Project v. Office of Management and Budget, et. al., No. 17-814
(DDC)

Dear Ms. Murphy:

This is our final response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from The Protect Democracy Project, which is the subject of the above-referenced matter. Specifically, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) received The Protect Democracy Project's FOIA request on February 15, 2017, and assigned it the tracking number 2017-074.

In accordance with the parties' Joint Status Report of September 12, 2017, OMB is making its second of two productions to the Protect Democracy Project. OMB has completed its review of the remaining documents identified as potentially responsive. Of those documents, we have determined that one was responsive to The Protect Democracy Project's request and that it is appropriate to withhold it in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), (b)(6). Exemption 5 protects interagency or intra-agency pre-decisional deliberative communications, the disclosure of which would inhibit the frank and candid exchange of views that is necessary for effective government decision making. Exemption 6 protects against disclosure of information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Because this matter is in litigation, please contact Matthew J. Berns, Trial Attorney, at 202-616-8016 or matthew.j.berns@usdoj.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dionne Hardy" with a date "9/26" written below it.

Dionne Hardy
FOIA Officer