



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

Freedom of Information Act Program
Communications Center
245 Murray Lane, SW, Building T-5
Mail Stop 8205
Washington, D.C. 20223

Date: July 25, 2023

The Heritage Foundation
Mike Howell
214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, District of Columbia 20002
Email: oversightproject@heritage.org

File Number: 20230742

Dear Requester:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, originally received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on July 19, 2023, requesting:

A copy of the index of several hundred individuals who may have accessed the area where the cocaine was found at the White House.

As your request seeks records reflecting visitors or related information concerning the Office of the President, please be advised that these records are not Secret Service agency records subject to the FOIA. Rather, these records are governed by the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. 2201 et seq., and remain under the exclusive legal custody and control of the White House.

Any decision concerning a FOIA request, including a decision that the Agency maintains no responsive records, is subject to administrative appeal. Should you wish to file an administrative appeal, your appeal should be made in writing and received within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter, by writing to: Freedom of Information Appeal, Deputy Director, U.S. Secret Service, Communications Center, 245 Murray Lane, S.W., Building T-5, Washington, D.C. 20223. If you choose to file an administrative appeal, please explain the basis of your appeal and reference the case number listed above.

Additionally, you have the 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. Please note that contacting the Secret Service's FOIA Program and/or OGIS **is not** an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and **does not** stop the 90-day appeal clock. You may contact OGIS at: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001. You may also reach OGIS via e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, telephone at 202-741-5770/toll free at (877) 684-6448, or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you need any further assistance, or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact our FOIA Public Liaison Kevin Tyrrell, at (202) 220-1819. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to foia@uss.dhs.gov.

FOIA File No. 20230742 is assigned to your request. Please refer to this file number in all future communication with this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin L. Tyrrell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kevin L. Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs