U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services National Records Center P.O. Box 648010 Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010



November 30, 2023

Jason Hopkins

## Dear Jason Hopkins:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office on November 30, 2023 relating to:

1. All records of communication, including email, between United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) employees and any university or college employee, from and including October 7, 2023 up to and including November 30, 2023. These emails can be limited to messages that include the words "Israel", "Palestine", "Gaza", "Hamas", "suspension", "expulsion" or "collateral consequence".

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2023008306. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

Consistent with 6 C.F.R. § 5.3(b) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FOIA regulations, your request must describe the records sought in sufficient detail to enable our personnel to locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Upon initial review, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) does not find that you have adequately described the records sought. In accordance with 6 C.F.R. § 5.3(c), USCIS FOIA needs clarification from you regarding the records you are requesting.

To the extent possible, please provide specific information that may assist our office with identifying the requested records. Please name the specific "records of communication" you wish to have a search conducted upon. Additionally, please name the specific USCIS personnel/offices you wish to have a search conducted upon. Finally, please name the specific universities and colleges you wish to have a search conducted upon. You may respond with the clarification by U.S. mail or electronic mail. Please clearly mark the letter, envelope, and/or email "COW2023008306 Clarification" for our staff to track your correspondence accordingly.

In order to be considered timely, your response must be postmarked or received by electronic mail within 30 working days of the date of this letter. To aid you in adequately describing the records sought, you may contact USCIS's FOIA Public Liaison, Cynthia Munita, for assistance at:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office P.O. Box 648010 Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010

Telephone: (816) 350-5510

E-Mail: FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov

If you do not respond with clarification of the records you are requesting, your request may be administratively closed by our office in accordance with 6 C.F.R. § 5.3(c). This administrative closure does not prejudice your ability to submit a new request for further consideration with additional

## information.

All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing. Please include the Control Number listed above on all correspondence with this office. Requests may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead, emailed to FOIASIG.NRC@uscis.dhs.gov, or sent by fax to (802) 860-6908. You may also submit FOIA/PA related questions to our email address at FOIASIG.NRC@uscis.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Jarrod T Panter

Acting Chief FOIA Officer

Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Unit