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Dear J. Adler:

This letter serves as the final response to your March 21, 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for:

**“Copies of all of the completed requests forms for access to the NIST Special Database 18 dataset: <https://nigos.nist.gov/datasets/sd18/request>”.**

NIST has completed the actual search for responsive records and enclosed is One (1) document / spreadsheet that is being released with redactions pursuant to Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(6)) which exempts from disclosure “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”

If you have questions or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact either the analyst who processed your request, Elizabeth Reinhart, Management Analyst, or me, the FOIA Public Liaison/Freedom of Information Act Officer, at [foia@nist.gov](mailto:foia@nist.gov).

Please refer to your FOIA request tracking number, DOC-NIST-2023-001430, when contacting us.

In addition, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov);  
telephone at 202741-5770; toll free at 1 877-684-6448; facsimile at 202-741-5769

You have the right to appeal this response to your FOIA request. An appeal must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this response letter. Address your appeal to the following office:



Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation and Information  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Office of the General Counsel, Room 5896  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

An appeal may also be sent by e-mail to [FOIAAppeals@doc.gov](mailto:FOIAAppeals@doc.gov) or by FOIAonline, if you have an account in FOIAonline, at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home#>. The appeal should include a copy of the original request and initial denial, if any. All appeals should include a statement of the reasons why the records requested should be made available and why the adverse determination was in error.

The appeal letter, the envelope, and the e-mail subject line should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." The e-mail, FOIAonline, and office mail are monitored only on working days during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday). FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box, FOIAonline, or the office after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next normal business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely.

It was previously determined that you were in the "media" requester category for which chargeable services include duplication of responsive documents excluding the first 100 pages of duplication. The actual duplication costs were under the chargeable threshold; thus, the document is being provided at no cost.

Sincerely,

Catherine S. Fletcher  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

Attachments:  
One (1) Electronic Spreadsheet  
FOIA Exemptions List