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FOIA Officer
Office of the Secretary of Defense / Joint Staff
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155

Re: FOIA Request – Records Concerning U.S.–Iran Negotiations and Israel–Iran Conflict

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of records concerning communications, planning discussions, briefings, or assessments involving representatives of the United States government relating to negotiations with Iran and any military escalation involving Israel and Iran.

Records Requested

Please provide all records including but not limited to: emails, text messages, messaging platform communications used for official business, briefing materials, planning documents, intelligence summaries received by the Department of Defense, situation reports, call logs, and communications with Israeli defense officials.

These records should include communications involving: Jared Kushner; Steve Witkoff; officials of the Government of Israel; officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran; officials of the Department of Defense; U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM); and other relevant defense or military officials involved in regional policy or planning.

Timeframe

January 1, 2024 through the date this request is processed.

Search Instructions

Please search email systems, internal document repositories, and electronic messaging systems using keywords including but not limited to: Iran; Israel; Iran negotiations; Iran talks; Israel Iran conflict; Israel Iran escalation; military strike; military escalation; bombing.

Searches should also include combinations such as: Kushner AND Iran; Witkoff AND Iran, and records referencing the names Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff.

Records Maintained on Personal Devices

This request includes records located on government devices as well as personal devices used for official government business, including communications conducted through messaging applications such as Signal, WhatsApp, Telegram, or similar platforms.

Electronic Format Request

To minimize costs and facilitate prompt disclosure, I request that all responsive records be provided in electronic format and transmitted via email where possible. If the volume of records is too large for email transmission, please provide them through secure electronic download or file transfer. I request that no paper copies be produced unless electronic reproduction is not possible.

Fee Waiver Request

I request a waiver of all fees pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) because disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to public understanding of government activities relating to international diplomacy and potential military conflict.

Statutory Response Deadline

Under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i), the agency must determine whether to comply with this request within 20 business days after receipt.

Rolling Production

If responsive records are located, please produce them on a rolling basis as they become available.

Sincerely,

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