

From: [Jennifer Matis](#)
To: [Sara Nekou](#); [McEvan Baum](#)
Cc: [Diana Veilleux](#)
Subject: FOIA Status
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 4:33:05 PM
Attachments: [Weekly status.xlsx](#)

Please send updates by Wed COB, including checking whether I have the complexity correct for your requests. Thanks!!

Tracking number	Expedited	Requester	Ack due	Due Date	Assigned	20 day or complex	Notes
Nonresponsive records							
FY 23/081		Lenzer		8/18/2023	Sara	(b)(5) deliberative	first rolling response in progress (nominee records MH)
Nonresponsive records							

Last updated 7/24/23

From: [Jennifer Matis](#)
To: [Sara Nekou](#); [McEvan Baum](#)
Cc: [Diana Veilleux](#)
Subject: FOIA Status
Date: Monday, July 31, 2023 4:52:23 PM
Attachments: [Weekly status.xlsx](#)

Hi,

Please send updates by COB Wed. Thanks!

Tracking number	Expedited	Requester	Ack due	Due Date	Assigned	20 day or complex	Notes
Nonresponsive records							
FY 23/081		Lenzer		8/18/2023	Sara	(b)(5) deliberative	first rolling response ready for review (nominee records.MH)
Nonresponsive records							

Last updated 7/31/23

The following list contains the entire submission submitted December 12, 2022 02:50:02pm ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	513656
Confirmation ID	513116
Request description	A record of meetings, in-person, or telephone conversations between OGE officials and Margaret Hamburg, along with any relevant agendas, minutes, notes, transcripts, or videos of each meeting. My timeline is 2009-2015, inclusive.

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	yes
Explanation	American Transparency is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that writes reports and articles about government transparency. This is not a commercial request. The principal purpose of this request is to inform the public and is not for personal or commercial benefit.

Expedited processing

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Request

Request ID	513671
Confirmation ID	513131
Request description	Any email correspondences with, copying, or regarding Margaret Hamburg. My timeline is the entire year of 2009.

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	yes
Explanation	American Transparency is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that writes reports and articles about government transparency. This is not a commercial request. The principal purpose of this request is to inform the public and is not for personal or commercial benefit.

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing	no
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Request

Request ID	522261
Confirmation ID	521721
Request description	Any email correspondences with, copying, or regarding Margaret Hamburg from 1/1/2010 to 12/21/2015.

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	yes
Explanation	American Transparency is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that writes reports and articles about government transparency. This is not a commercial request. The principal purpose of this request is to inform the public and is not for personal or commercial benefit.

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing

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Request

Request ID	570161
Confirmation ID	569621
Request description	I would like all 278 forms submitted by Margaret Hamburg from 2009-2015.

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	yes
Explanation	American Transparency is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that writes reports and articles about government transparency. This is not a commercial request. The principal purpose of this request is to inform the public and is not for personal or commercial benefit.

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing

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The following list contains the entire submission submitted May 11, 2023 06:05:02pm ET, and is formatted for ease of viewing and printing.

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Request

Request ID	717601
Confirmation ID	717061
Request description	I request Margaret Hamburg's OGE 278e filed in regard to her appointment to the President's Intelligence Advisory Board in 2023.

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	yes
Explanation	American Transparency is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that writes reports and articles about government transparency. This is not a commercial request. The principal purpose of this request is to inform the public and is not for personal or commercial benefit.

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing

no

Isaac Arnsdorf
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June 23, 2016

FOIA Officer
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FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of records related to Margaret Hamburg.

I would like to receive the information in electronic copies.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$250. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on potential conflicts of interest that is of current interest to the public because it involves a high-ranking government official. This information is being sought on behalf of Politico for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. .

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS



July 14, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Isaac Arnsdorf
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Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 16/056

Dear Mr. Arnsdorf:

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is granting in part and denying in part your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received by the OGE FOIA Office on June 23, 2016. In your request, you asked for access to and copies of records related to Margaret Hamburg.

In response, we are enclosing 55 pages of responsive documents, subject to deletions made in accordance with FOIA Exemption 5 as inter- and intra-agency predecisional deliberative process material, and FOIA Exemption 6 as information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. *See* 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5) and (6). An additional 45 pages of responsive documents were located that are being withheld in their entirety under Exemptions 5 and 6.

Please note that public financial disclosure reports (OGE Form 278s) are not available under the FOIA, pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(3), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) as material specifically exempted from disclosure by another statute. Access to OGE Form 278s is only available under the special access provision of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. appendix, § 105) and OGE's regulations. The special access provision requires an individual to submit a written application to access these reports. OGE has also created an automated tool to request copies of the OGE Form 278s and other covered records online, available on OGE's website at: <https://extapps2.oge.gov/201/Presiden.nsf/201+Request?OpenForm>.

In searching for responsive records, OGE located 17 pages that include material originating at the Department of Health & Human Services. We are therefore sending these responsive materials, along with a copy of your request, to the Department Health & Human Services. We are asking them to review the material and respond directly to you. The Department's FOIA Requester Service Center phone number is: (202) 690-7453.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact me by telephone at (202) 482-9267. As OGE's FOIA Public Liaison, I am available for assisting

in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes.

The OGE official responsible for this FOIA determination is the undersigned. OGE recently revised its FOIA regulations. In accordance with the FOIA, as codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), and OGE's updated FOIA regulations, at 5 C.F.R. § 2604.304, you may administratively appeal this determination to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005-3917. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 90 days of the date you receive this response letter. If you do appeal, you should include copies of your request and this response, together with a statement of why you believe this initial determination is in error. Also, if you appeal, you should clearly indicate on the envelope and in the letter that it is a "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

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Rachel Dowell
OGE FOIA Officer

Enclosures

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December 19, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Amber Todoroff

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Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 23/018

Dear Requester:

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has searched and has not located any records responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which the OGE FOIA Office received on December 12, 2022, and assigned OGE FOIA tracking number OGE FOIA FY 23/018. In your request, you asked for a record of meetings, in-person, or telephone conversations between OGE officials and Margaret Hamburg, along with any relevant agendas, minutes, notes, transcripts, or videos of each meeting. The timeline is 2009-2015, inclusive.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact me by telephone at 202-482-9216. As OGE's FOIA Officer, I am available for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes. Additionally, 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, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The OGE official responsible for this FOIA determination is the undersigned. In accordance with the FOIA, as codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), and OGE's updated FOIA regulations, at 5 C.F.R. § 2604.304, you may administratively appeal to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005-3917. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 90 days of the date you receive this response letter. If you do appeal, you should include copies of your request and this response, together with a statement of why you believe this initial



determination is in error. Also, if you appeal, you should clearly indicate on the envelope and in the letter that it is a “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,

**JENNIFER
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OGE FOIA Officer

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December 20, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Amber Todoroff

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Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 23/019

Dear Requester:

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is granting your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which the OGE FOIA Office received on December 12, 2022, and assigned OGE FOIA tracking number OGE FOIA FY 23/019. In your request, you asked for any email correspondences with, copying, or regarding Margaret Hamburg. The timeline is the entire year of 2009. Enclosed find two pages of records responsive to your request. Please note that the deletions were on the record as found in the search and the search did not reveal any other version.

I trust that this information fully satisfies your request. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact me by telephone at 202-482-9216. As OGE's FOIA Officer, I am available for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes. Additionally, 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, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The OGE official responsible for this FOIA determination is the undersigned. In accordance with the FOIA, as codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), and OGE's updated FOIA regulations, at 5 C.F.R. § 2604.304, you may administratively appeal to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005-3917. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 90 days of the



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Sincerely,

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Jennifer Matis
OGE FOIA Officer

Enclosure

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January 4, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Amber Todoroff

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Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 23/022

Dear Requester:

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is granting your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which the OGE FOIA Office received on December 21, 2022. In your request, you asked for any email correspondences with, copying, or regarding Margaret Hamburg from 1/1/2010 to 12/21/2015. Enclosed find six pages of records responsive to your request. Please note that the deletions were on the record as found in the search and the search did not reveal any other version.

I trust that this information fully satisfies your request. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact me by telephone at 202-482-9216. As OGE's FOIA Officer, I am available for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes. Additionally, 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, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The OGE official responsible for this FOIA determination is the undersigned. In accordance with the FOIA, as codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), and OGE's updated FOIA regulations, at 5 C.F.R. § 2604.304, you may administratively appeal to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005-3917. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 90 days of the



date you receive this response letter. If you do appeal, you should include copies of your request and this response, together with a statement of why you believe this initial determination is in error. Also, if you appeal, you should clearly indicate on the envelope and in the letter that it is a “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,

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Enclosure