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Date: July 30, 2021

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File Number: 20210319

Dear Requester:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, originally received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on January 21, 2021, for information pertaining to all documents relating to the request by former President Donald Trump to have the U.S. Secret Service to offer protection for his four adult children, and two of their spouses, to include communication from the White House or President Trump; internal communications within the USSS regarding this request; along with all other related letters, e-mails, memos, reports, etc.

After a detailed review of all potentially responsive records, 11 page(s) were released and 0 page(s) were withheld in their entirety. Exemptions under the FOIA Statute, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 have been applied where deemed appropriate.

Enclosed are the documents responsive to your request, as well as a document that explains the exemptions in more detail. Withheld information is pursuant to the exemptions marked below.

Section 552 (FOIA)

(b) (1) (b) (2) (b) (3) Statute:
(b) (4) (b) (5) (b) (6) (b) (7) (A) (b) (7) (B)
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The following item also applies to your request:

Fees: In the processing of this FOIA request, no fees are being assessed.

If you deem our decision an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights. 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.

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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) 406-6370. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to foia@usss.dhs.gov.

FOIA/PA File No. 20210319 is assigned to your request. Please refer to this file number in all future communication with this office.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure:
FOIA and Privacy Act Exemption List

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

Provisions of the Freedom of Information Act do not apply to matter that are:

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices any agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), if that statute: (A)(i) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (ii) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld; and (B) is established after the date of enactment of the OPEN FOIA Act of 2009;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency; provided that the deliberative process privilege shall not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested;
- (b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the information: (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source; (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for regulation or supervision of financial institutions;
- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

**PRIVACY ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

The provisions of the Privacy Act do not apply to:

- (d) (5) material compiled in reasonable anticipation of civil action or proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) material is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy;
- (k) (2) material compiled during investigations for law enforcement purposes;
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or other individuals pursuant to section 3056 of Title 18;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, military service, Federal contracts, or for access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or prior to the September 27, 1975, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence;
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the Federal service the disclosure of which would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process;

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wed, 20 Jan 2021 22:01:48 +0000
To: GWENDOLYN SYKES (CFO)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: WaPo: Trump extended Secret Service protection for 14 members of his family as he left office

Gwen
I should not have assumed. Glad I shared.

(b)(6)

From: GWENDOLYN SYKES (CFO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 17:01
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: WaPo: Trump extended Secret Service protection for 14 members of his family as he left office

Nope
First time seeing this one
Gwendolyn

REFER

From: CATHERINE MILHOAN (CMR)
Sent: Wed, 20 Jan 2021 13:14:05 -0500
To: Leonnig, Carol
Cc: USSSMEDIAINQUIRY; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (CMR)
Subject: Re: EO extending protection for Trump family. Time Sensitive Story
Attachments: smime.p7s

(b)(6)

Thanks for reaching out. We have no comment at this time.

Cathy

Cathy L. Milhoan
Director of Communications
U.S. Secret Service

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Main: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Direct: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cell: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On Jan 20, 2021, at 1:08 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

Folks – We are close to publishing.
Any comment on then-President Trump’s instruction/order to extend protection to all extended Trump family members for six months?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:06 AM
To: CATHERINE MILHOAN (CMR); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
USSSMEDIAINQUIRY <USSSMediaInquiry@uss.s.dhs.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: EO extending protection for Trump family. Time Sensitive Story

Cathy, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) etc.

I’m writing story this morning on new executive order last night extending protection for the entire Trump family, grown kids and grandkids for another six months.
As we’ve discussed, 3056 allows extended USSS protection for the ex-president, ex-first lady for their lifetimes, ex-vice president and ex-second lady for six months after they leave office, along with any of the president’s or vice president’s children under 16 years of age.

We'd like comment on the threat level or other reasons that prompted this extended protection and if the Secretary of DHS directed any of this.

Thanks.

(b)(6)

Staff Writer
Washington Post
1301 K Street NW
Washington DC 20071

(b)(6)

From: KIMBERLY CHEATLE (OPO)
Sent: Wed, 20 Jan 2021 21:49:32 -0500
To: JEREMY SHERIDAN (IGL)
Subject: RE: [The Washington Post] Trump extended Secret Service protection to his adult children and three top officials as he left office

(b)(5)

kac

From: JEREMY SHERIDAN (IGL) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 8:12 PM
To: KIMBERLY CHEATLE (OPO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: [The Washington Post] Trump extended Secret Service protection to his adult children and three top officials as he left office

(b)(5)

Jeremy Sheridan
Assistant Director
United States Secret Service
Office of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kuiken, Michael (Schumer)" (b)(6)
Date: January 20, 2021 at 8:07:03 PM EST
To: "JEREMY SHERIDAN (IGL)" (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: [The Washington Post] Trump extended Secret Service protection to his adult children and three top officials as he left office

Jeremy - what's the story here?

Trump extended Secret Service protection to his adult children and three top officials as he left office

According to three people briefed on the plan, Trump issued a directive to extend post-presidency Secret Service protection for six months to his four grown children, who were not automatically entitled to receive it.

By Carol D. Leonnig and Nick Miroff

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-extended-secret-service-protection-for-13-members-of-his-family-as-he-left-office/2021/01/20/31ef3e9e-5b3c-11eb-b8bd-ee36b1cd18bf_story.html

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO)
Sent: Fri, 15 Jan 2021 21:41:32 +0000
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (LEG)
Subject: FW: Signed USSS Memorandum
Attachments: 20210115151423746.pdf

Hi (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(5)

Thanks much!

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 4:01 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Fwd: Signed USSS Memorandum

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "KIMBERLY CHEATLE (OPO)" (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Date: January 15, 2021 at 4:00:19 PM EST
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO)"
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: Signed USSS Memorandum

See attached request for extension.
kac

From: GEORGE MULLIGAN (COO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:54 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) KIMBERLY CHEATLE
(OPO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) THOMAS HUSE (LEG)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) JAMES MURRAY (DIR) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Signed USSS Memorandum

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Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6)
Date: January 15, 2021 at 3:52:55 PM EST
To: "GEORGE MULLIGAN (COO)" (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Signed USSS Memorandum

Good Afternoon Mr. Mulligan,

Attached is a copy of a memorandum signed today by the President on USSS procedures for the President's children and their spouses.

Thank you,

(b)(6)
Executive Clerk's Office

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (BUD)
Sent: Wed, 20 Jan 2021 23:12:50 -0500
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO)
Subject: Re: WaPo: Trump extended Secret Service protection for 14 members of his family as he left office
Attachments: smime.p7s

Got it. Think it would be worth pointing out the non-3056 costs that were not included, and the costs of the kids which we did include, but now note any changes if there are any. This will impact our travel and SOT budgets, so looking to recoup wherever we can!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2021, at 8:04 PM, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) wrote:

Based on the 3 signed 'Extension' Presidential Directives (attached); it clearly identifies what role our Trump related, non-3056 extension requests are for. How that relates to what's covered by funding language, I am unaware.

Of note though... and as we know, the article is inaccurate with its sources or message. We are not extending on 14 Trump Family members outside of what's covered by law under 3056 (FPOTUS, FFLOTUS, and Baron); instead we are only extending on 6 Trump family members (Don Jr, Ivanka/Jared, Eric/Laura, and Tiffany).

The USSS will be fully dropping coverage on the grandchildren effective this Friday morning.

-M

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7:47 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc:
Subject: Re: WaPo: Trump extended Secret Service protection for 14 members of his family as he left office

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Understand, will re-validate the estimates tomorrow morning, but think we are in a good space with funding for the family extension mentioned in the article.

(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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On Jan 20, 2021, at 7:22 PM, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (BUD)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) wrote:

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Budget Officer

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

U.S. Secret Service

Email: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Phone: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Cell: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO)
Sent: Fri, 15 Jan 2021 17:20:22 -0500
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C);
Subject: Signed USSS Memorandum
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(b)(5)

-M

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)
Subject: Fwd: Signed USSS Memorandum

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Date: January 15, 2021 at 4:00:19 PM EST
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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(OPO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) THOMAS HUSE (LEG)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) JAMES MURRAY (DIR) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Signed USSS Memorandum

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Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted] (b)(6)
Date: January 15, 2021 at 3:52:55 PM EST
To: "GEORGE MULLIGAN (COO)" [redacted] (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: [redacted] (b)(6)
Subject: Signed USSS Memorandum

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Thank you,

[redacted] (b)(6)
Executive Clerk's Office