



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Information Policy
Sixth Floor
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Telephone: (202) 514-3642

July 30, 2026

Re: FOIA-2026-04170
ADF:ERH

Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act request dated and received in this Office on July 24, 2026 seeking any written communications sent by the Department of Justice to Congress that invoke the deliberative process privilege as a basis for withholding records concerning Jeffrey Epstein. **Please note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations from October 1, 2025 through November 12, 2025, which has resulted in a delay in responding to your request.**

A proper Freedom of Information Act request for records must reasonably describe the records sought. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(A); *see also* 28 C.F.R. § 16.3(b)(2022). After carefully reviewing your request, I have determined that you did not reasonably describe the subject of your request in a manner which allows agency personnel to locate the requested records with a reasonable amount of effort. Your request does not identify an Office to search, Congresspersons or Congressional committees that you seek communications with, nor a date range of records. Accordingly, in the absence of a specific Office to search, and/or a more limited timeframe, your request is not reasonably described as required by the FOIA. If you would like to discuss reformulation of your request, you may contact this Office.

You may contact our Acting FOIA Public Liaison, Eric Hotchkiss, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642.

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, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448.

If you are not satisfied with this Office's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following

the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andrew D. Fiorillo", with a stylized flourish at the end.

for

Andrew D. Fiorillo
Chief, Initial Request Staff