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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Steve Reilly

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Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 17/418

Dear Mr. Reilly:

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, dated July 18, 2017. In your request, you asked for “any emails, letters, memoranda or other written communications from Director Walter Shaub to the President Trump or his legal counsel, sent November 25, 2016 to present, containing recommendations that President Trump stop visiting Trump Organization properties while holding office; and any written responses from the President Trump or his counsel to those written communications”

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. 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 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,

Rachel K. Dowell
OGE FOIA Officer

