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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF THE FISCAL SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20227

June 22, 2021

RE: FOIA # 2020-12-064

Sent via email

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that was received in our office on December 21, 2020, seeking: "A copy of communications between the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and the White House, or between the BFS and the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury, during the time period January 1, 2020 and December 18, 2020, regarding unredeemed savings bonds, the Treasury Hunt program, improvements to the BFS unredeemed treasury bond search capabilities, or the potential addition of unredeemed savings bonds to the state unclaimed property databases."

A search has been completed and we have located 7 pages of responsive records. One record, containing 3 pages, is being withheld in full under FOIA Exemption B5. Additional information in the remaining 4 pages, is being withheld under FOIA Exemptions B5 and B6. Exemption 5 protects "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." Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

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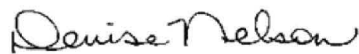
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No fees were incurred in processing your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Nelson".

Denise Nelson
Co-Disclosure Officer

(2) Enclosures via email
cc: FOIA Files

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From: Doty, George E. III [REDACTED] WHO_EOP
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 12:53 PM
To: gregory.till@treasury.gov
Cc: Paul.Wolfteich2@treasury.gov; Jeffrey J. Schramek <Jeffrey.Schramek@fiscal.treasury.gov>; James.Stern@treasury.gov
Subject: RE: MUD proposal

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Thanks, Greg. [REDACTED] (b) (5)
[REDACTED] I will of course let you know when I hear more.

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Thanks, all, for all your help on this. [REDACTED] (b) (5)

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