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Via email: 176226-17287613@requests.muckrock.com

RE: Freedom of Information Act Appeal (AP-2025-001)

Dear Mr. Medeiros:

I am writing in response to your November 22, 2024 email to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) appealing OSC's November 11, 2024 response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request FOIA-2025-035.

I have reviewed the relevant materials and after careful consideration, deny your appeal because you do not appear to request any records maintained by OSC.

OSC's primary mission is to safeguard the merit system by protecting federal employees and applicants from prohibited personnel practices. OSC also operates as a secure channel for federal employees to blow the whistle by disclosing wrongdoing and protect those employees from reprisal by a federal agency for doing so. OSC also enforces the Hatch Act that restricts partisan political activity by government employees and protects the civilian employment and reemployment rights of military service members. *Our files contain records on complaints submitted to OSC that are related to these matters. If you wish to request documents from these files, you may file another FOIA request.*

You may seek judicial review of this decision by filing a complaint in an appropriate United States district court. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B). If you have any questions regarding

this request, please feel free to contact Barbara Wheeler, OSC's Chief FOIA Officer and acting FOIA Public Liaison, at (202) 804-7000 or via email at bwheeler@osc.gov.[1]

Sincerely,

Susan K. Ullman

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General Counsel

[1] 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. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is: 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD 20740-6001; ogis@nara.gov, 202-741-5770, 1-877-684-6448 (Toll Free), 202-741-5769 (Fax).