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RE: DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE v. CASE 1:26-cv-00825
ICE FOIA Case Number 2026-ICLI-00042
First Interim Response

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This is the first response to your client's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) dated October 17, 2025, which is now the subject of the above litigation. Your client's request was originally assigned request number 2026-ICFO-02081. In the FOIA request your client is seeking: all records relating to the deployment, posting, or positioning of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel within, at, or in proximity to polling places, ballot drop boxes, or election offices, including but not limited to during early voting periods, on the date of an election, or between the date of an election and certification of the results of such election from January 20, 2025 to the date the request is processed.

ICE has considered your request under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and processed potentially responsive documents. A search of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), the Office of Public Affairs (OPA), the Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), the Office of the Executive Secretariat (OES), the Office of Policy, the Office of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Office of Management and Administration (M&A), the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), and the Office of the Director located records that were potentially responsive to your request. For this production, ICE reviewed 1017 pages of potentially responsive records. ICE has determined that 441 pages were non-responsive, and 576 pages were deemed responsive, and they will be released in full or disclosed in part pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(7)(E), as described below. Thus, a total of 576 pages of records are being produced and have been bates numbered 2026-ICLI-00042 1 through 2026-ICLI-00042 576.

ICE has applied FOIA Exemption 7(E) to protect from disclosure internal agency case numbers or guidelines contained within the document.

FOIA Exemption 7(E) protects records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose techniques and/or 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. I have determined that disclosure of certain law enforcement sensitive information contained within the responsive records could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. Additionally, the techniques and procedures at issue are not well known to the public.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Vaden at Andrew.Vaden@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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