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Re: 2027-HQFO-00101

Dear Requester:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), seeking:

1. The purchase agreement(s), bill(s) of sale, and acquisition decision memo for the seven Boeing 737-700 aircraft and one Gulfstream G650 DHS acquired in or around December 2025, with the seller, price, tail numbers and source of funds (including any One Big Beautiful Bill Act appropriation)
2. The December 2025 maintenance and airworthiness contract for those aircraft, with its statement of work and value
3. Records sufficient to show every flight of the Gulfstream G650 from acquisition to the date of the search: date, origin, destination, and the DHS official(s) or office(s) for whom the flight was made. I am not asking for the names of rank-and-file staff or detainees
4. Any DHS policy, memo or approval governing use of the G650 for 'senior official movement,' including any determination under OMB Circular A-126 or 41 C.F.R. part 301-10 on use of government aircraft by senior officials, and any reimbursement for political or personal travel. Date range: July 1, 2025 through the date of the search.

This office received your request on 10/14/2026.

DHS can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records responsive to this portion of the request. Confirming or denying the existence of such records could reasonably be expected to interfere with ongoing or prospective enforcement proceedings. Therefore, to the extent such records exist, DHS would withhold them pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(A), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A).

FOIA Exemption 7(A) protects from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. I have determined that the information you are seeking relates to an ongoing criminal law enforcement investigation. Therefore, I am withholding all records, documents, and/or other material, which if disclosed prior to completion, could reasonably be expected to interfere with law enforcement proceedings and final agency actions related to those proceedings. Please be advised that once all pending matters are resolved and FOIA Exemption

7(A) is no longer applicable, there may be other exemptions which could protect certain information from disclosure, such as FOIA Exemptions (2), 7(C), 7(D), and 7(E).

You have a right to appeal the above determination. Should you wish to do so, please submit your appeal through the FOIA requester portal within 90 days of the date of this letter. You may also mail your appeal to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(e)(2). Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison at 202-343-1743 or 866-431-0486 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. You may also contact 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 or toll free at 1-877-684-6448.

Regards,

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