



Homeland Security

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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 121757-099576616@requests.muckrock.com

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Re: **2022-HQFO-00528**

Dear Mr. Lim:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated January 26, 2022, and seeking:

“Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any records, collected emails, messages, financial records, transcripts, or documents relating of or to, or including the words “Samuel Harrison Lim”, “Sam Lim”, “Daring”, “daringfever”, “HTP”, “Hack The Planet”, “Transcend”, “Aaron Schwartz”, and/or “MIT”, “Linode”, “doxbin”. Additionally, any records or documents referencing “Typhonic”, “Typhonic Solutions”, and any and all research (academic, security or otherwise) authored by the aforementioned individual and their related entities referenced in any documents or records.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Samuel Lim.”

Your request was received in this office on January 27, 2022.

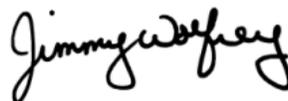
Based on the limited information you have provided, we cannot conduct an adequate search. The Department of Homeland Security was created January 24, 2003; therefore, no DHS records exist prior to that date. Records created prior to the establishment of DHS by any of the organizational components of DHS would be maintained by those components. Furthermore, DHS does not maintain a central index of records about individuals. For this reason, the DHS FOIA regulations, at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.3(b) require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search of appropriate systems of records can find them with a reasonable amount of effort. In addition to the information that you provided, this description should include, the type of record you are seeking, the DHS component you believe created and/or controls the records, the precipitating event that you believe warranted the creation of records and the time period that you believe the records or files were created and compiled. If you can provide sufficient additional information as described in this paragraph, we will undertake a search for responsive records.

An individual's request for information pertaining to him or herself is processed under both the FOIA and the PA to afford maximum access to records. Because you have asked for copies of records about yourself, we must verify your identity to ensure that your personal information is not released to anyone other than you or someone you properly designate. The DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.3(a), require verification of your identity, including your full name, current address and date and place of birth. In addition, your request must be made in writing, must contain your signature, and should either be notarized or contain a statement made under penalty of perjury as permitted by 28 U.S.C. 1746. Because you have not provided this documentation, your request is not a proper FOIA/PA request, and we are unable to initiate searching for responsive records.

This is not a denial of your request. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request. Please provide additional information describing the records you are seeking. If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this PA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2022-HQFO-00528**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: <https://foiarequest.dhs.gov/app/CheckStatus.aspx>, by using this FOIA request number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy Wolfrey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jimmy Wolfrey
Senior Director, FOIA Operations and Management
(Acting)

