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RE: HQ-2021-00260-F

Dear Mr. Bogardus:

This is the final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested the following:

A copy of the Department of Energy's premium class travel report for the 2020 fiscal year.

Your request was assigned to DOE's Office of Management (MA) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. MA started its search on January 7, 2021 which is the cutoff date for responsive documents. MA has completed its search and identified one (1) document responsive to your request. The document is being released to you as described in the accompanying index.

Upon review, DOE has determined that certain information should be withheld from the document pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

Exemption 6 is generally referred to as the "personal privacy" exemption; it provides that the disclosure requirements of FOIA do not apply to "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." In applying Exemption 6, the DOE considered: 1) whether a significant privacy interest would be invaded; 2) whether the release of the information would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations or activities of the Government; and 3) whether in balancing the privacy interests against the public interest, disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.

The information withheld under Exemption 6 consists of names of individuals with medical conditions. This information qualifies as "similar files" because it is information



in which an individual has a privacy interest. Moreover, releasing the information could subject the individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications. Since no public interest would be served by disclosing this information, and since there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by such disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes withholding the information. Therefore, we have determined that the public interest in releasing this information does not outweigh the overriding privacy interests in keeping this information confidential.

This satisfies the standard set forth at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A) that agencies shall withhold information under FOIA “only if (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption...; or (II) disclosure is prohibited by law...” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A) also provides that whenever full disclosure of a record is not possible, agencies shall “consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible...and (II) take reasonable steps necessary to segregate and release nonexempt information.” Therefore, we have determined that, in certain instances, a partial disclosure is proper.

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the determination to withhold the information described above. The FOIA requires that “any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be provided to any person requesting such record after deletion of the portions which are exempt.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). As a result, a redacted version of the documents is being released to you in accordance with 10 C.F.R. §1004.7(b)(3).

This determination, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L’Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase “Freedom of Information Appeal” in the subject line (this is the preferred method by the Office of Hearings and Appeals). The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE’s records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact DOE’s FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. 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. 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; toll free at

1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The FOIA provides for the assessment of fees for the processing of requests. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.9(a). In our January 6, 2021 letter, you were advised that your request was placed in the “news media” category for fee purposes. Requestors in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost. DOE’s processing costs did not exceed \$15.00, the minimum at which DOE assesses fees. Thus, no fees will be charged for processing your request.

If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact Ms. Chidinma Nwosu or me at:

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1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

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DOE's Office of Management (MA) has identified one (1) document responsive to your request.

- One (1) document *is being withheld in part pursuant to Exemption (b)(6)*.

Traveler First Name	Traveler Middle Name	Traveler Last Name	Travel Origin	Travel Destination	Travel Start Date	Exception Code	Purpose Code	Premium Fare	Coach Fare	Cost of Premium Class Travel
Deidre	A	Almstead	Washington DC	RIYADH SAU	10/24/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	11774	2797	8977
Dane	M	Bahnsen	Washington DC	CAPE TOWN ZAF	10/30/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	CNF - Conference (Other Than Training)	1291	5116	7797
Paul	M	Dabbar	Washington DC	SANTIAGO CHL	10/15/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1331	2794	10519
Paul	M	Dabbar	NEWARK NJ	CHRISTCHURCH NZL	12/6/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	18275	4095	14180
Paul	M	Dabbar	New York NY	Osaka JPN	10/1/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	10489	1650	8838
Kristen	G	Ellis	Washington DC	Osaka JPN	10/1/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	10920	1650	9269
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	SAN DIEGO CA	1 / 1/2019	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	CNF - Conference (Other Than Training)	377	1089	2684
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	SEATTLE WA	11/20/2019	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1069	677	392
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	BOSTON MA	12/1/2019	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	CNF - Conference (Other Than Training)	685	213	472
Auria	A	Haddad	Washington DC	REYKJAVIK ISL	10/5/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	CNF - Conference (Other Than Training)	716	2797	4264
Kenneth	K	Humphreys	Washington DC	BANGKOK THA	10/31/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	12378	3888	849
Shaylyn	M	Hynes	Dubai SAU	10/31/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	SPC - Special Agency Mission	2842	925	1917	
Edward	J	Kania	Washington DC	SEOUL KOR	11/12/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	4554	1790	2764
Kelly	L	Love	Seattle WA	Vilnius LTU	9/30/2020	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	SPC - Special Agency Mission	8988	1031	7957
Robert	C	Marcum	Washington DC	SEOUL KOR	11/12/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	4554	1790	2764
Auria	E	Michaeler	Washington DC	REYKJAVIK ISL	10/5/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	5434	1663	3771
Robert	E	Myers	Fort Lauderdale FL	Vilnius LTU	9/30/2020	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	SPC - Special Agency Mission	6302	1031	536
MICHAEL	C	REED	Washington DC	SEOUL KOR	11/12/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	4554	1790	2764
Steven	E	Winberg	Washington DC	CAPE TOWN ZAF	10/30/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	CNF - Conference (Other Than Training)	12915	5116	7799
Matthew	M	Zais	Washington DC	TUNIS TUN	12/14/2019	B4 - Coach-class not scheduled regularly	MSN - Mission (Operation)	185	1662	189
Dane	M	Bahnsen	Washington DC	RIYADH SAU	2/23/2020	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	2479	4877	19916
Rita		Baranwal	PITTSBURGH PA	KUALA LUMPUR MYS	2/3/2020	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	6875	1034	584
Alesia	D	Duncan	Washington DC	NEW DELHI IND	2/2/2020	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	905	2450	660
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	BERLIN GERMANY	3/21/2020	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	4465	1175	3290
Louis		Hrkman	Washington DC	RIYADH SAU	2/23/2020	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	20957	7506	13485
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	VIENNA AUT	2/1/2020	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	13778	1560	12198
Andrew	J	Richards	Washington DC	KUALA LUMPUR MYS	2/2/2020	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	10445	4505	5740
Daniel	R	Simmons	Washington DC	Abu Dhabi UAE	1/8/2020	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	5772	1508	4254
James	R	Perry	Washington DC	REYKJAVIK ISL	10/5/2019	B2 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	8856	4504	4352
James	R	Perry	HOUSTON TX	BRUSSELS BEL	10/19/2019	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	15116	2099	13016
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	DAMMAM SAU	10/24/2019	B2 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	8840	5235	3605
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	ENSENADA MEX	10/14/2019	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	3004	1265	1738
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	LAS VEGAS NV	7/7/2020	B2 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	4817	828	3989
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	RIO DE JANEIRO BRA	1/31/2020	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	13356	874	12482
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	LISBON PRT	2/8/2020	B2 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	12114	1688	10427
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	TAMPA FL	2/18/2020	B2 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1199	538	66
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	MIAMI FL	6/11/2020	B2 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1654	859	456
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	NOSC DES MONIES IA	6/15/2020	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	3342	502	2840
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	TROY MI	7/15/2020	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1504	446	1058
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	CHICAGO IL	7/21/2020	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	946	248	698
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	JACKSON WY	8/11/2020	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	2512	605	1908
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	FAYETTEVILLE NC	8/17/2020	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	719	662	574
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	BOSTON MA	8/25/2020	B2 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1654	124	1538
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	NEW ORLEANS LA	9/8/2020	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1262	488	774
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	WILMINGTON NC	9/24/2020	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1210	632	577
Danny	R	Brou lette	Washington DC	BILLINGS MT	9/28/2020	F3 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	9209	901	8147
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	SEATTLE WA	10/29/2019	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	2002	861	114
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	SEATTLE WA	12/17/2019	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	3146	785	236
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	LONDON GBR	10/19/2019	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	11298	1127	1017
Robert	W	Bwartz	Washington DC	RAGOON BRM	10/21/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	7625	3344	428
Robert	W	Swartz	Washington DC	BANGKOK THA	1 / 12/2019	B6 - OCONUS Flight time exceeds 14 hours	MSN - Mission (Operation)	16609	1747	14862
Julie	G	Middleton	Washington DC	ISLAMABAD PK	10/12/2019	B2 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	2348	1543	805
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	WASHINGTON DC	1 / 4/2019	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1664	456	1208
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	SEATTLE WA	2/11/2020	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	2765	677	2089
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	SAN FRANCISCO CA	1/9/2020	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	2632	975	1757
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	VIENNA AUT	1/14/2020	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	13775	2004	1177
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	[OTHER] UKR	2/2/2020	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	10460	2004	8456
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	TEL AVIV ISR	2/23/2020	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	5102	1672	3430
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	SINGAPORE SGP	1/20/2020	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	5416	1025	4390
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	KYIV UKR	2/2/2020	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	10616	2004	8612
Julie	G	Middleton	Washington DC	WASHINGTON DC	1/25/2020	B2 - Exceptional security circumstances exist	MSN - Mission (Operation)	447	2341	2130
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	WASHINGTON DC	2/20/2020	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	1666	456	1210
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	ALBUQUERQUE NM	1/31/2020	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	313	1027	2105
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	Washington DC	LONDON GBR	9/28/2020	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	250	647	1854
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator		SEATTLE WA	9/28/2020	F2 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	8856	4504	4352
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						165	1010	64
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						4434	993	344
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						14110	2099	1201
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						16975	4673	12302
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						1687	1010	677
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						1467	1010	457
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						590	350	240
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						6346	4504	1842
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						13356	874	12482
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						1570	2648	13055
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						6346	4504	1842
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						3004	1292	1712
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						1670	1010	660
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						2292	828	1464
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						154	1340	20
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						1112	1688	9435
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						15938	1404	14534
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						15938	2648	13290
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						2066	847	1218
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						1654	124	1530
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						1240	712	528
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						1535	446	1089
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						884	901	7942
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						1308	852	456
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						3342	502	2840
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						121	960	25
SF-1811		Criminal Investigator						629	488	14
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	PHOENIX AZ	DENVER CO	10/20/2019	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	973	274	699
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	PHOENIX AZ	DENVER CO	10/27/2019	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	647	274	37
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	PHOENIX AZ	DENVER CO	1/21/2020	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	709	274	435
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	PHOENIX AZ	DENVER CO	2/4/2020	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	709	274	435
(b) (6)		(b) (6)	PHOENIX AZ	SACRAMENTO CA	2/19/2020	B1 - Accommodate medical disability	MSN - Mission (Operation)	779	474	305