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SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL TO:

William F. Marshall Judicial Watch, Inc. 425 Third St., SW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20024 bmarshall@judicialwatch.org

Re: 24-cv-03427 (2024-HQLI-00039)

Dear Counsel:

This is an interim response to Judicial Watch's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated August 5, 2024.

First, DHS cannot confirm or deny the existence of records that would tend to confirm a particular individual's status on or off a Federal Watch List, including Quiet Skies, which are protected by statute and therefore exempt from disclosure. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3).

Second, DHS conducted a search for records responsive to the FOIA request that do not tend to confirm or deny any individual's status on or off a Federal Watch List. Accordingly, for this interim response, DHS reviewed 506 pages and is producing 13 pages, in part. All 13 pages are being withheld in part pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA. Among the 506 pages that DHS reviewed, 427 pages are duplicates and 66 pages are nonresponsive.

The 13 pages for release are Bates stamped DHS-001-03427-000001 to DHS-001-01934-000013. If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Taisa M. Goodnature, Assistant United States Attorney, at Taisa.M.Goodnature@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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Good afternoon and apologies for the large email,

TSA received an inquiry regarding claims that former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard made about being surveilled by FAMS. They received a subsequent inquiry from Fox News today with a deadline of **today**.

This is draft language from TSA litigation attorneys (TSA RTQ Quiet Skies.docx)

TSA would like to respond this afternoon to this inquiry, following the Breanna Morello inquiry and post about former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard. I have asked them to hold while I flagged for this group.

Reporter: JJ Smith Outlet: Fox News Deadline: COB today

Inquiry:

I am reaching out regarding the below story. Would you be able to confirm this? Thank you

EXCLUSIVE - Federal Air Marshal Whistleblowers Report Tulsi Gabbard Actively Under Surveillance via Quiet Skies Program

In an exclusive breaking story, several Federal Air Marshal whistleblowers have come forward with information showing that former U.S. Representative and Presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard is currently enrolled in the Quiet Skies program. Quiet Skies is a TSA surveillance program with its own compartmentalized suspected terrorist watchlist. It is the same program being weaponized against J6 defendants and their families. Quiet Skies is allegedly used to protect traveling Americans from suspected domestic terrorists. The photo below is a screenshot from the actual Target Package used by the FAMS to surveil Gabbard.



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Flagging that OGC has not reviewed and there is a new development: CHS-TMS reached out to TSA and asked for a statement on this.



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Good afternoon and apologies for the large email,

Subject: [Short Fuse Clearance] TSA Quiet Skies FOX News Inquiry

TSA received an inquiry regarding claims that former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard made about being surveilled by FAMS. They received a subsequent inquiry from Fox News today with a deadline of today.

This is draft language from TSA litigation attorneys (TSA RTQ Quiet Skies.docx)

TSA would like to respond this afternoon to this inquiry, following the Breanna Morello inquiry and post about former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard. I have asked them to hold while I flagged for this group.

Reporter: JJ Smith **Outlet: Fox News** Deadline: COB today

Inquiry:

I am reaching out regarding the below story. Would you be able to confirm this? Thank you

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