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Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:00 AM
To: [Garrett, Pat \[IGOV\]](#)
Subject: Information request

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Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 3:04 PM
To: [Garrett, Pat \[IGOV\]](#)
Subject: FW: Information request

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Exhibit G

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From: CLARK KAUFFMAN <cvkauffman@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:41:47 PM
To: Garrett, Pat [IGOV] <Pat.Garrett@governor.iowa.gov>
Subject: Comment for article?

Pat,

I understand the former commandant at IVH sent a personal thank you note to the governor shortly after he received his pay increase and also sent a thank you email to the governor's chief of staff. Can you provide some comment as to why the governor and her staff didn't respond to the situation at that time and instead waited until the state auditor's office was involved? (This is for a story I expect to post shortly.)

Separately, would you please forward to me a copy of both the personal thank you note to the governor as well as the email to her chief of staff?

FYI: We have yet to receive any acknowledgement of the formal records request I filed with you on May 10, and I received no response to the follow-up email I sent July 28 (see below).

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From: [Boal, Michael \[IGOV\]](#)
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 3:46 PM
To: [Garrett, Pat \[IGOV\]](#); [CLARK KAUFFMAN](#)
Subject: RE: Comment for article?

Clark,

Thank you for contacting the Governor's Office. We received your requests dated May 10 and August 2. It is our understanding you are seeking the following records: any written communications, including personal thank you notes or emails, between former commandant Timon Oujiri and the Governor (or staff in the Governor's Office) regarding his pay increases (or "the overpayment issue" per your May 10 request).

Our response to your request is contained in the attached PDF ("R175_Kauffman.pdf"). No documents were redacted as part of this response, and no records were withheld.

This response does not waive the confidentiality of any document or record under any applicable provision of the Iowa Open Records Act, chapter 22 of the Iowa Code, or other law.

Thanks.

From: [CLARK KAUFFMAN](#)
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 4:54 PM
To: [Boal, Michael \[IGOV\]](#)
Subject: RE: Comment for article?

Thanks. Is there any explanation as to why it took 105 days (May 10 to Aug. 23) to produce these three documents?

Clark

From: [CLARK KAUFFMAN](#)
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 1:24 PM

To: [Boal, Michael \[IGOV\]](#)

Subject: Question

Michael,

It appears you're not going to explain the 105-day delay. That's fine. But can you tell me why the December 21, 2020, note from Ujiri to Gov. Reynolds ("I am deeply humbled and honored when Sara called to inform me of my salary increase. Thank you. I am honored by your trust and confidence in me. Thank you. Wishing you and your family a blessed and merry Christmas. Very respectfully, Timon)" was not provided in response to our request?

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From: CLARK KAUFFMAN <cvkauffman@msn.com>

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:43 PM

To: Boal, Michael [IGOV] <Michael.Boal@governor.iowa.gov>

Subject: FW: Comment for article?

Michael,

It now appears the governor's office withheld an electronic document in responding to our records request in May about the IVH commandant's pay.

On Dec.18, 2020, the commandant sent to Sara Craig's state email account an email stating, *"Thank you for the phone call this morning. I am humbled, honored and very pleasantly surprised. Thank you. I would like to offer instead of my compensation increase, could we bump up Penny Cutler-Bermudez, Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, and Karen Connell, Operations Executive Administrator? They have worked tirelessly to ensure IVH has been successful in keeping our residents, staff and families safe."*

Why was this email not turned over in May, or on Aug. 23, when you provided correspondence dating back to 2019 and indicated "no records were withheld"?

Clark Kauffman

From: [Boal, Michael \[IGOV\]](#)

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:25 AM

To: [CLARK KAUFFMAN](#)

Cc: [Garrett, Pat \[IGOV\]](#)

Subject: RE: Comment for article?

Clark,

The record was not intentionally withheld and we are not refusing its release. Any mistake is my responsibility. Please let me know if you would like a copy of that email from our office, although it appears you already have it. I apologize. Thanks.

From: [CLARK KAUFFMAN](#)

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:40 AM

To: [Boal, Michael \[IGOV\]](#)

Subject: RE: Comment for article?

Michael,

Yes, I don't need another copy of that particular email.

I would, however, like to see all email and text exchanges between yourself and Sara Craig, on the issue of the commandant's pay, since May 1, 2021.

Thank you.

Clark Kauffman

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