



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
Washington, D.C. 20201

**Case No. 2017-01118-FOIA-OS**

**August 8, 2018**

Mr. Aaron Siri  
200 Park Avenue  
Seventeen Floor  
New York, NY 10166

Dear Mr. Siri:

This letter is the final response to your August 25, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Specifically, you requested the following: "Requesting information regarding Section 300-AA27(b) provides that "The Secretary shall establish a task force on safer childhood vaccines which shall consist of the Director of National Institutes of Health, the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control. This section further provides that "The Director of the National Institutes of Health shall serve as chairman of the task force...(and) the task force shall prepare recommendations to the Secretary concerning implementation of the requirements of subsection (a) of this section."

Any and all recommendations by the task force to the Secretary of the Department of HHS pursuant to 42 U.S.C.&300aa-27(b)(3)."

The Immediate Office of the Secretary (IOS) conducted a search and reports that there are no records responsive to your request.

While we believe that an adequate search of the appropriate files was conducted for the records requested, you have the right to appeal this finding that no responsive records exist within IOS. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision.

Your appeal must be mailed within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter, to:

Ms. Kim Hutchinson  
Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
Room 729H  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201

Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You may also e-mail your appeal to: [HHS.ACFO@hhs.gov](mailto:HHS.ACFO@hhs.gov).

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the HHS FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

Michael Bell  
HHS FOIA Public Liaison  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
Room 729H  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20201

Telephone: (202) 260-0793  
E-mail: [HHS\\_FOIA\\_Public\\_Liaison@hhs.gov](mailto:HHS_FOIA_Public_Liaison@hhs.gov)

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road—OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Toll-Free: 1-877-684-6448  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Fax: 202-741-5769

There are no charges in this instance because the billable costs are less than our threshold of \$25.

Sincerely yours,

*Michael S. Marquis*  
*For*

Michael S. Marquis  
Director  
FOI/Privacy Acts Division