

January 27, 2020
Re: EPIC-2019-001

Mr. John Davisson, Counsel
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Davisson and Ms. Zhou:

Per your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 11, 2019—assigned processing number EPIC-2019-001—and your three prioritization requests as described in your letter to me on November 5, 2019, the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI) is providing you with the attached initial production focused primarily on your three prioritization requests.

Relevant NSCAI staff were provided with your prioritization requests and tasked with identifying records based on your prioritization requests, which resulted in an initial set of 175 records—comprising 6,689 pages—for review. Due to the size of the initial set of records, NSCAI is still continuing its review. However, NSCAI is producing today:

- Six records responsive to your three prioritization requests, as described in your November 5, 2019 letter; and
- Three records responsive to your September 11, 2019 FOIA request within the set of 175 records.

The produced records are primarily emails among NSCAI staff circulating research and publications concerning artificial intelligence. Please see the attached Vaughn Index for information about the redactions in the records produced to you today, including the one record NSCAI is withholding in full under FOIA exemption (b)(5).

Of the remaining 165 records, 91 are still under review. NSCAI has determined that the remaining 74 records are publicly available documents created by other organizations—such as academic research papers, think tank reports, and newspaper articles—that were obtained by, or provided to, Commission staff. If you wish to obtain the 74 publicly available records, NSCAI will provide you hyperlinks to them upon request. Alternatively, if you instead prefer that the records be produced in the same fashion as today's production, please notify NSCAI of your preference.

NSCAI will continue to process the records identified to date and to search for records potentially responsive to your FOIA request. If you have any questions or wish to discuss more efficient approach to satisfying your request, you may contact me by telephone at (571) 220-2701, by email at mjl@nscai.gov, or by letter at National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence, 2530 Crystal Drive, Box 45, Arlington, VA 22202.

Sincerely,



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