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OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CYBER DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

October 30, 2026

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Protect Democracy Project
2020 Pennsylvania Ave. NW #163
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Re: *Protect Democracy Project v. Office of the National Cyber Director et al.*, Civil Action No. 26-3064

Dear [redacted]:

This letter accompanies the production of records from Office of the National Cyber Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, and Department of the Treasury (together, Defendants) in the above-captioned Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) action, 5 U.S.C. § 552. This production is made pursuant to the narrowed requests the parties described and agreed to in the Joint Status Report filed on September 15, 2026 (the "JSR"), and in furtherance of the processing schedule set forth in that report.

As set forth in the JSR, Plaintiff agreed to narrow the original FOIA Request dated August 7, 2026, to the following categories of records:

1. substantively unredacted copies of the text of the voluntary frontier AI disclosure and pre-release review framework that an administration official reportedly stated was completed by August 1, 2026 (and which was reportedly shared with AI companies at the meeting held at the White House during the first week of August 2026);
2. any records provided to AI companies that disclose the terms of participation or cooperation in the GOLD EAGLE clearinghouse;
3. the document(s) identifying the individuals and entities deemed "trusted partners" under the AI pre-release review framework; and
4. records identifying the statutory or other legal authority relied upon to establish or operate the AI pre-release review framework and GOLD EAGLE clearinghouse.

Plaintiff further agreed that they would accept responsive records from any one of the Defendant agencies that possesses them; it did not need each Defendant to produce duplicative responsive records. Defendants treated the narrowed categories as the operative request for purposes of this production. Nothing in this letter expands, waives, or otherwise modifies the scope agreed to in the JSR.

Defendants searched their respective electronic systems using the relevant search terms and date range. The search identified approximately 60 pages of potentially responsive material. Agency personnel reviewed those pages for responsiveness and for information exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

After careful review, we have determined that all responsive materials are exempt from FOIA. No reasonably segregable non-exempt information can be released. Enclosed as Attachment A is a *Vaughn* index detailing these materials and their exemptions. The production is summarized as follows:

Withheld in full: 60 pages (30 records). These records are identified and justified in the enclosed *Vaughn* index.

This production constitutes Defendants' full production under the JSR.

Defendants are withholding information pursuant to one or more of the following FOIA exemptions, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(4), and (b)(5):

Exemption 1: Certain responsive records are withheld under Exemption 1, which protects matters that concern technology and critical infrastructure. Unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to cause grave damage to national security, and such information is exempt in full.

Exemption 3: Certain responsive records consist of cyber threat indicators and defensive measures shared with the Federal Government under the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015, 6 U.S.C. §§ 1501 *et seq*. Exemption 3 protects measures "specifically exempted from disclosure by statute," and section 1504(d)(3) of Title 6 provides that a cyber threat indicator or defensive measure shared with the Federal Government under the Act, "shall be (A) deemed voluntarily shared information and exempt from disclosure under section 552 and title 5 . . . ; and (B) ***withheld, without discretion*** from the public under section 552(b)(3)(B) of title 5." 6 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(3) (emphasis added).

Exemption 4: Certain responsive records contain commercial information from a person that is privileged or confidential. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). The information was submitted by private entities and includes customer identities that the submitters customarily and actually treat as private information, and Defendants have kept this information private. *See Food Mktg. Inst. v. Argus Leaders Media*, 588 U.S. 427, 434 – 40 (2019).

Exemption 5: Certain responsive records are inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Defendants reasonably foresee that disclosure of the Exemption 5 material would harm the interests the privileges – here, presidential communications and deliberative process – protect. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A)(i)(I).

Agency personnel reviewed each record line by line. Any non-exempt information is so inextricably intertwined with national security information, CISA-protected cyber threat indicators or defensive measures, confidential commercial information, and privileged communications that no meaningful, reasonably segregable portion can be released.

The enclosed *Vaughn* index identifies, for each record withheld: the document ID (Bates stamp); date; document type; subject; description of the record sufficient to permit the Court and Plaintiff to test the claim without revealing protected content; FOIA exemptions asserted; and the justification for withholding. Defendants reserve the right to assert any additional exemption or privilege that may apply to these records.

Sincerely,

FOIA Team

Attachment A

Civil Action No. 26-3064

Vaughn Index

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NCD_FY26_F_142_001	NCD_FY26_F_142_003	07/01/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access July 1	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_004	NCD_FY26_F_142_004	07/01/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access July 1	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_005	NCD_FY26_F_142_005	07/02/26	Email	[Entity] Access to [AI Lab Covered Model] July 2	ONCD email to covered model vendor identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_006	NCD_FY26_F_142_006	07/02/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access July 2	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_007	NCD_FY26_F_142_007	07/06/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access July 6	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_008	NCD_FY26_F_142_010	07/27/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access, July 27	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_011	NCD_FY26_F_142_012	07/27/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access July 27	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.

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NCD_FY26_F_142_013	NCD_FY26_F_142_013	07/29/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access July 29	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_014	NCD_FY26_F_142_014	08/05/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access, August 5	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_015	NCD_FY26_F_142_016	08/05/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access August 5	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_017	NCD_FY26_F_142_018	08/07/26	Email	(External) Proposed Trusted Partners	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_019	NCD_FY26_F_142_019	08/11/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access August 11	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_020	NCD_FY26_F_142_020	08/11/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access August 11	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_021	NCD_FY26_F_142_021	08/13/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Testing & Development Partners August 13	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.

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NCD_FY26_F_142_022	NCD_FY26_F_142_022	08/13/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Testing & Development Partners August 13	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_022	NCD_FY26_F_142_024	08/13/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access August 13	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_025	NCD_FY26_F_142_025	08/13/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access, August 13	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_026	NCD_FY26_F_142_027	08/24/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access, August 24	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_028	NCD_FY26_F_142_030	08/24/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access August 24	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_031	NCD_FY26_F_142_031	08/25/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access August 25	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_032	NCD_FY26_F_142_035	09/15/26	Email	Trusted Partners September 15	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.

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NCD_FY26_F_142_036	NCD_FY26_F_142_036	09/17/26	Email	Testing and Development Partners September 17	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_037	NCD_FY26_F_142_038	09/17/26	Email	Trusted Partners September 17	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_039	NCD_FY26_F_142_045	05/24/26	Word Doc	AI Security EO Draft	Draft of Executive Order on AI Security with discussion of authorities between ONCD and Office of Legal Counsel.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)	"[R]ecord[] identifying the statutory or other legal authority relied upon to establish or operate the AI pre-release review framework and GOLD EAGLE clearinghouse" is communication between White House and Office of Legal Counsel protected by attorney client privilege and exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).
NCD_FY26_F_142_046	NCD_FY26_F_142_052	07/31/26	Word Doc	Voluntary AI Framework for Covered Models	Voluntary AI Framework.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (5)	Voluntary AI framework withheld in-full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(5) as protected by presidential communications privilege as it is information shared for purposes of assisting policy formulation including communications made by presidential advisers in the course of preparing advice for the President.
NCD_FY26_F_142_053	NCD_FY26_F_142_053	06/25/26	Email	[Covered Model] Secure Pre-Release Access	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_054	NCD_FY26_F_142_054	07/02/26	Email	[Trusted Partner Covered Model] Access	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_055	NCD_FY26_F_142_055	07/15/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access July 15	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.

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NCD_FY26_F_142_056	NCD_FY26_F_142_056	07/16/26	Email	[AI Lab Covered Model] Access July 16	ONCD email to AI Lab identifying trusted partners cleared for pre-release access to an identified covered model.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.
NCD_FY26_F_142_057	NCD_FY26_F_142_060	06/26/26	Letter	[AI Lab Covered Model] US Entities - Approved	Commerce letter to AI Lab identifying trusted partners.	5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (3), (4)	Trusted Partners derived from confidential customer lists submitted to ONCD for national security purposes. Withheld in full under: (1) 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) as it is technological information relating to national security, unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to cause identifiable damage to national security; (2) (b)(3) (6 U.S.C. § 1503(d)) as defensive measure shared pursuant to CISA 2015; and (3) (b)(4), as company customer lists are considered confidential commercial information in the ordinary course of business.