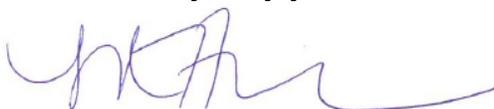


Please note that when Reserve Banks carry out functions on behalf of the Board (i.e., when they act under authority delegated to them from the Board), Reserve Banks must comply with the FOIA solely with respect to actions they take under the Board's authorities. When this occurs, that is, when a Reserve Bank receives a request for information related to actions it took on behalf of the Board, the Reserve Bank must forward that request for information to the Board for a response. Additionally, please note that, pursuant to the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, records in the possession of the Reserve Banks constitute Board records subject to the FOIA if such records were created or obtained in the performance of Board functions delegated to the Reserve Bank.³

I hope this information clarifies the May 2021 response to your FOIA request. If you believe that the determination that no responsive records exist in response to your request is incorrect, you may appeal this determination by writing to Office of the Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Attn: FOIA Appeals, 20th Street & Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551; by facsimile to 202-872-7565; or electronically to FOIA-Appeals@frb.gov or <https://foia.federalreserve.gov/app/Home.aspx>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request.⁴

Very truly yours,



Michele Taylor Fennell
Deputy Associate Secretary of the Board

³ See 12 C.F.R. § 261.2(d)(ii).

⁴ As an alternative to an administrative appeal, you may contact the Board's FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Candace Ambrose, at [REDACTED] for further assistance. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services ("OGIS") at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email at [ogis@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:ogis@[REDACTED]); telephone at [REDACTED] or toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.