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Andrew Quemere
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Dear Mr. Quemere:

I write in response to your records request to the Office of the Governor, dated February 5, 2023, seeking email and text messages in former Governor Baker's accounts that include the terms "Police" and "Law enforcement."

By law, records held by the Office of the Governor are not subject to the Massachusetts public records law. *See Lambert v. Executive Director of the Judicial Nominating Council*, 425 Mass. 406, 409 (1997). Previous administrations have, as a voluntary practice, considered and responded to public records requests on a case-by-case basis. Governor Healey intends to follow the public records law and provide more transparency to the Governor's Office than ever before. Public records requests will be evaluated based on the public records law, established exemptions, and any unique obligations of the Governor's Office.

We are unable to provide records responsive to your request. Governor Healey's public records policy for the Office of the Governor became effective January 5, 2023, but it does not apply retroactively to the records of previous administrations that operated under different policies.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael Kaneb
Records Access Officer