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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about secrecy.

Your illegal and rapid dismantling of congressionally appropriated agencies is being done opaquely. Judge Cooper has already enjoined the USDS and its Director Musk to produce records despite attempts to evade foia by locating it within the Office of the President and suggestions of flouting court orders anyway. An email from Acting Executive Secretary Carr of USAID has also surfaced directing the immediate destruction of classified and personnel documents: stuff things into burn bags once the shredders are overloaded. Your first term record with documents was also fraught: from tearing, shredding and flushing documents which legally needed to be preserved and taking some of your favorites home upon leaving the job to failing to even record where children snatched from their parents at the border were sent. This secrecy leaves the impression of malfeasance.

Please assure me that you will govern transparently.

My pride in the US derives in part from our freedom of information.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson