

October 18, 2024

FOIA Officer
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
Legal Division, FOIA/PA Group
550 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20429

Via Secure Release Portal

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. §552, on behalf of my employer, History Associates Incorporated, I am requesting copies of the following documents, which I have reason to believe are in the possession of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”):

All documents and/or communications, both written and electronic, exchanged among members of the FDIC Board of Directors and/or FDIC Staff, or exchanged between members of the FDIC Board of Directors and/or FDIC Staff and third-party depository institutions, members or staff of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and/or officials or staff of the Treasury’s Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and/or members of the press that refer or relate to the imposition of a formal or informal cap, limit, ceiling, maximum, or other restriction or restraint on deposits from digital-asset companies¹ at depository institutions, including but not limited to Signature Bank, Customers Bank, Cross River Bank, Western Alliance Bank, and Silvergate Bank, and that was created or transmitted between June 1, 2022 and the date you process this request.

For purposes of this request, the term “documents” is used expansively, and includes, by way of illustration and without limitation, both formal and informal: agreements, contracts, communications, letters, reports, analyses, memoranda, e-mails, transcripts, minutes, notes, bulletins, worksheets, schedules, notebooks, drawings, photographs, drafts, diaries, calendars, workpapers, contracts, purchase orders, telecopies, telexes, or any information stored on optical disc, magnetic tape, microfilm or microfiche, or computer memory storage device. The term “document” also refers to any draft or prior version of a document responsive to this request.

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¹ For purposes of this request, the term “digital asset” means an asset that is issued and/or transferred using distributed ledger or blockchain technology, including, but not limited to, so-called “cryptocurrencies,” “coins,” and “tokens.”

Please provide responsive information as it becomes available on a rolling basis but consistent with the prescribed timelines of the Freedom of Information Act. Please provide the requested records in electronic or paper form, whichever is faster. If this request must be forwarded to a different records custodian, we request that it be so forwarded as soon as possible.

Should you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption or withhold or redact any responsive records or parts thereof, we request that you: (1) identify each such record with specificity and/or date, author, recipient, and parties copied; (2) explain in full the basis for withholding responsive material; and (3) provide all segregable portions of the records for which you are claiming a specific exemption. Please correlate any redactions with specific exemptions under FOIA.

If you determine that portions of certain documents are exempt from production, the remainder of said documents should be produced nonetheless along with explanations justifying each exemption, including the specific FOIA provision justifying the exemption. 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

History Associates Incorporated agrees to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees that will be assessed in association with this request, up to the amount of \$100. Should the fees exceed this amount, please call me with an estimate of the total costs in order that specific expenditures beyond \$100 can be authorized.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact me at (301) 279-9697 or via email to jgart3@historyassociates.com.

Sincerely,



Jason Gart, Ph.D.
Vice President

October 18, 2024

FOIA Officer
Communications Division
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
400 7th Street, SW, Suite 3E-218
Washington, DC 20219

Via OCC FOIA Portal

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. §552, on behalf of my employer, History Associates Incorporated, I am requesting copies of the following documents, which I have reason to believe are in the possession of the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC"):

All documents and/or communications, both written and electronic, exchanged among officials or staff of the Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, or exchanged between officials or staff of the Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and third-party depository institutions, officials or staff of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and/or members or staff of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and/or members of the press that refer or relate to the imposition of a formal or informal cap, limit, ceiling, maximum, or other restriction or restraint on deposits from digital-asset companies¹ at depository institutions, including but not limited to Signature Bank, Customers Bank, Cross River Bank, Western Alliance Bank, and Silvergate Bank, and that was created or transmitted between June 1, 2022 and the date you process this request.

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Sincerely,

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Jason Gart, Ph.D.
Vice President

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FOIA Officer
Office of the Secretary
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
20th & Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20551

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