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Office of Information Policy

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Laura Rotolo, Esq.
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Re: Appeal No. AP-2011-02883
Request No. 1141754-001
ADW:SKV

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to copies of agreements entered into between the Massachusetts Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and any federal, state, or local government entities. You noted in your appeal that one page appeared to be missing from the release, and that you believed a Memoranda of Understanding with the city of Amherst, Massachusetts should have been located. In addition, you stated that "there may be other omissions to the records the requesters received."

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and a member of my staff, I am remanding your request for a search for the one missing page. If the FBI locates the missing page, it will send any and all releasable portions of it to you directly, subject to any fees. You may appeal any future adverse determination made by the FBI. If you would like to inquire about the status of your remanded request, please contact the FBI directly. I am otherwise affirming the FBI's action on your request.

By letter dated July 12, 2011, the FBI released 265 pages to you with no redactions. Subsequent to your appeal, the FBI conducted an additional search for records pertaining to a JTTF Memoranda of Understanding with Amherst, Massachusetts, but could locate no responsive records. I have determined that the FBI's response was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for records responsive to your request.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was taken only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the actions of the FBI in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the Freedom of Information Act permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 301-837-1996; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 301-837-0348.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth Cowter / for".

Janice Galli McLeod
Associate Director