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-- FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL --

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Director, Office of Information Policy  
U.S. Dep't of Justice  
1425 New York Avenue, NW  
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**Re: Appeal of FOIA Request No. 1141754-00**

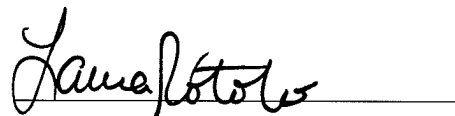
Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter constitutes an appeal pursuant to 6 C.F.R. § 5.9 of the determination in response to request number 1141754-00. On December 13, 2010, the FBI responded to our request and sent us one document. The requesters challenge the adequacy of this search. The request asked specifically for "Memoranda of understanding, contracts or agreements between the Massachusetts Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and (a) any federal agency, (b) the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any department, agency, authority or official of the Commonwealth, and (c) any Massachusetts city or town or any department, agency or official of a Massachusetts city or town providing for the

assignment of personnel to JTTF.” The agency’s response consisted of a standard Memorandum of Understanding between the FBI and a participating agency, but not the specific signed agreements in force in Massachusetts, which were the subject of the request. Such signed agreements exist and are on file with the FBI, yet they were not produced or withheld subject to any FOIA exemption.

We urge you to conduct an adequately thorough review of documents relating to this request and to send us the documents we seek.

Thank you for your consideration.

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