

**Appeal of FOIA Request Nos. 1141750-00 through 1141771-00**

**Attachment 1**



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

January 12, 2010

MS. LAURA ROTOLO  
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211 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02110

FOIPA Request No.: 1141750- 000  
Subject: JTTF/PURPOSE AND  
ORGANIZATION

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

- This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to FBI Headquarters and the Boston Field Office. The FOIPA number listed above has been assigned to your request.
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With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

waiver, I must consider the following six factors: (1) whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or archives of the government"; (2) whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of governmental operations or activities; (3) whether the disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the general public, as opposed to the individual requester, and that the requester has the ability and intention to disseminate the information to the public; (4) whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities; (5) whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and (6) whether any such commercial interest outweighs the public interest in disclosure. See 28 C.F.R. 16.11§ (k) (2004).

Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

If you are not satisfied with the denial of your request for expedited processing and fee waiver, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Northwest, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141751- 000  
Subject: JTTF/OFFICE LOCATIONS IN  
NEW ENGLAND

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

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With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141752- 000  
Subject: JTTF/NUMBER OF FBI  
PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO JTTF

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

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With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

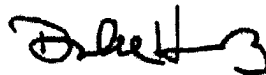
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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

If you are not satisfied with the denial of your request for expedited processing and fee waiver, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Northwest, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141753- 000  
Subject: JTTF/FEDERAL, STATE, AND  
LOCAL AGENCY PARTICIPANTS

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With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141754- 000  
Subject: JTTF/MOU BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS JTTF  
AND FEDERAL/OR MASSACHUSETTS AGENCY

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141755- 000  
Subject: JTTF/NUMBER OF PERSONNEL TO BE PRESENT  
AT COMMONWEALTH FUSION CENTER ET AL.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141756-000  
Subject: JTTF/RECORDS OF FORMAL STRUCTURE OF  
INFORMATION SHARING ET AL.

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

If you are not satisfied with the denial of your request for expedited processing and fee waiver, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Northwest, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

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January 12, 2010

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141757- 000  
Subject: JTTF/STANDARDS OF INTELLIGENCE DISCLOSED  
THROUGH NATIONAL INFORMATION SHARING ET AL.

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

- This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to FBI Headquarters and the Boston Field Office. The FOIPA number listed above has been assigned to your request.
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- To make sure information about you is not released to someone else, we require your notarized signature or, in place of a notarized signature, a declaration pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1746. For your convenience, the reverse side of this letter contains a form which may be used for this purpose.
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You have requested expedited processing of your request under the Department's standard permitting expediting of requests involving "a compelling urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information." 28 C.F.R. § 16.5 (d) *et seq.* Based on the information you have provided, I cannot find that there is a particular urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity beyond the public's right to know about government activity generally. Additionally, the primary activity of the American Civil Liberties Union is not information dissemination, which is required for a requester to qualify for expedited processing under this standard. Accordingly, your request for expedited processing is being denied.

With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141758- 000  
Subject: JTTF/BUDGET OF MASSACHUSETTS JTTF AND  
SOURCES OF FUNDING 2005-PRESENT

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

- This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to FBI Headquarters and the Boston Field Office. The FOIPA number listed above has been assigned to your request.
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With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141759- 000  
Subject: JTTF/MASSACHUSETTS JTTF  
PROSECUTORIAL PRIORITIES

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

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With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141760- 000  
Subject: JTTF/RULES AND GUIDELINES  
FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 28 CFR PART 23

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

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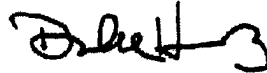
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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141761- 000  
Subject: NJTTF/RELEATIONSHIP WITH  
MASSACHUSETTS JTTF

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141762- 000  
Subject: NJTTF/RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS ET AL.

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

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With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141763- 000  
Subject: ATAC/MASSACHUSETTS  
ANTI-TERRORISM ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

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With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

If you are not satisfied with the denial of your request for expedited processing and fee waiver, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Northwest, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

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January 12, 2010

MS. LAURA ROTOLO  
ACLU OF MASSACHUSETTS  
211 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02110

FOIPA Request No.: 1141764- 000  
Subject: ATAC/MASSACHUSETTS ATAC AGENDA,  
ATTENDEES, MINUTES JAN. 1, 2005-PRESENT

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

- This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to FBI Headquarters and the Boston Field Office. The FOIPA number listed above has been assigned to your request.
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FOIPA Request No.: 1141765- 000  
Subject: ATAC/MASSACHUSETTS ATAC  
PROSECUTORIAL PRIORITIES

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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141766- 000  
Subject: ATAC/COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN OFFICE OF  
THE US ATTORNEY AND MASSACHUSETTS ATAC

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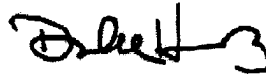
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Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

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January 12, 2010

MS. LAURA ROTOLO  
ACLU OF MASSACHUSETTS  
211 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02110

FOIPA Request No.: 1141767- 000  
Subject: ATAC/COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN  
MASSACHUSETTS JTTF AND MEMBERS OF  
MASSACHUSETTS ATAC

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With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also *Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD*, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141768- 000  
Subject: ATAC/COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FBI BOSTON  
FIELD OFFICE AND MEMBERS ET AL.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1141769- 000  
Subject: ATAC/RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ATAC  
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January 12, 2010

MS. LAURA ROTOLO  
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211 CONGRESS STREET  
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FOIPA Request No.: 1141770- 000  
Subject: ATAC/RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ATAC AND  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ET AL.

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

- This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to FBI Headquarters and the Boston Field Office. The FOIPA number listed above has been assigned to your request.
- For an accurate search of our records, please provide the complete name, alias, date and place of birth for the subject of your request. Any other specific data you could provide such as prior addresses, or employment information would also be helpful. If your subject is deceased, please include date and proof of death.
- To make sure information about you is not released to someone else, we require your notarized signature or, in place of a notarized signature, a declaration pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1746. For your convenience, the reverse side of this letter contains a form which may be used for this purpose.
- If you want the FBI's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to perform a search for your arrest record, please follow the enclosed instructions in Attorney General Order 556-73. You must submit fingerprint impressions so a comparison can be made with the records kept by CJIS. This is to make sure your information is not released to an unauthorized person.
- We are searching the indices to our Central Records System for the information you requested, and will inform you of the results as soon as possible.
- Processing delays have been caused by the large number of requests received by the FBI. We will process your request(s) as soon as possible.

You have requested expedited processing of your request under the Department's standard permitting expediting of requests involving "a compelling urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information." 28 C.F.R. § 16.5 (d) *et seq.* Based on the information you have provided, I cannot find that there is a particular urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity beyond the public's right to know about government activity generally. Additionally, the primary activity of the American Civil Liberties Union is not information dissemination, which is required for a requester to qualify for expedited processing under this standard. Accordingly, your request for expedited processing is being denied.

With respect to your request for a waiver of customary fees, it should be noted that request for fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis. See 5 U.S.C. 522 (a)(4)(A)(iii). See also Nat'l Sec. Archive v. DOD, 808 F.2d 1381, 1383 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (observing that fee waiver decisions are to be made on a case-by-case basis). The burden is on the requester to show that the statutory requirements for a fee waiver have been met. In determining whether you have met this burden, and therefore are entitled to a fee

waiver, I must consider the following six factors: (1) whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or archives of the government"; (2) whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of governmental operations or activities; (3) whether the disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the general public, as opposed to the individual requester, and that the requester has the ability and intention to disseminate the information to the public; (4) whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities; (5) whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and (6) whether any such commercial interest outweighs the public interest in disclosure. See 28 C.F.R. 16.11§ (k) (2004).

Based on the information you provided, serious consideration has been given to your request for a fee waiver. It was determined that the American Civil Liberties Union's primary activity is not the dissemination of information, nor is the organization a representative of the news media. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time.

If you are not satisfied with the denial of your request for expedited processing and fee waiver, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Northwest, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Your request has been assigned the number indicated above. Please use this number in all correspondence with us. Your patience is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy  
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FOIPA Request No.: 1141771- 000  
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AND FUNDING FROM 2005-PRESENT

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