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FOIPA Request No.: 1246014-0
Subject: FBI BOSTON FIELD OFFICE INVESTIGATIONS

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

This is in reference to your letter directed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in which you requested expedited processing for the above-referenced Freedom of Information /Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. Pursuant to the Department of Justice (DOJ) standards permitting expedition, expedited processing can only be granted when it is determined that a FOIPA request involves one or more of the below categories.

You have requested expedited processing according to:

☐ **28 C.F.R. §16.5 (d)(1)(i):** "Circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual."

☐ **28 C.F.R. §16.5 (d)(1)(ii):** "An 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)(1)(iii):** "The loss of substantial due process of rights."

☑ **28 C.F.R. §16.5 (d)(1)(iv):** "A matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence."

You have provided enough information concerning the statutory requirements permitting expedition; therefore, your request is approved.

Sincerely,

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