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Requester: Laura Rotolo Request No.: 10-75

JAN 27 2010

Subject: Joint Terrorism Task Force/DMA

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) has received your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request. It has been assigned the above number. Please give us this number if you write about your request. If we need additional information, we will contact you within two weeks.

Your request will be placed in the order in which it was received for processing, unless it is a very large request (Project Request). Then, it will be placed in a separate group of Project Requests, which are also processed in the order received.

EOUSA makes every effort to process most requests within a month (20 working days). There are some exceptions; for example, Project Requests usually take approximately nine months to process. Requests for "all information about myself in criminal case files" are usually Project Requests. If you have made such a request, you may either write us and narrow your request for specific items, or you may expect that the processing of your request may take nine months from the date of this letter.

By making a FOIA/PA request, you have agreed to pay fees up to \$25, as stated in 28 CFR § 16.3(c), unless you have requested a fee waiver. Please note that pursuant to 28 CFR § 16.11, if you have not been granted a fee waiver, we are required to charge fees for time used to search for the documents you have requested and for duplication of all pages released to you. Normally, search time is charged at a rate of \$28 per hour after the first two hours which are free, and duplication fees are \$0.10 per page after the first 100 pages which are free. Please do not send any payment at this time! If we anticipate that fees will exceed \$25 or the amount you have stated in your letter (if greater than \$25), we will normally notify you of our estimate of fees. After we have received your agreement to pay for the expected fees (or you have narrowed your request to reduce fees) and we have processed your request, we will require payment for the accumulated charges before we release documents to you. Without such payment, your request file will be closed without further action.

Sincerely,

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Dear Requester:

This is in response to your letter dated December 30, 2009 (and received in our office on January 12, 2010), in which you request expedited treatment of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act request. As you may know, expedited treatment allows one requester to receive processing of his or her request ahead of other requesters who have already filed their requests. Not surprisingly, such a displacement of others who have legal rights to a prompt agency response cannot be done except under circumstances that clearly warrant the action, as carefully defined by agency regulation. The Department of Justice has published its rules for granting expedited processing at 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(d).

After careful consideration of your letter, I have concluded that you have not presented a case that would warrant granting expedited processing ahead of others. Your letter does not detail any circumstances that would allow me to grant your request. A person seeking expedited processing should show (1) 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; (2) an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information; (3) that a loss of substantial due process rights is involved; or (4) that the request involves a matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence. Therefore, in the absence of any such justification, I must deny your request for expedited treatment.

We are proceeding to process your request in the normal order. We have forwarded your request to the Department of Justice Office of Public Affairs, pursuant to your claim under 28 C.F.R. Section 16.5(d)(1)(iv).

You may appeal this decision on this request by writing to the **Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001**. Both the letter and envelope should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Your request must be received by OIP within 60 days from the date of this letter. If you are dissatisfied with the results of any such administrative appeal, judicial review may thereafter be available in U.S. District Court, 20 C.F.R. § 16.9.

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