U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Homeland Security

September 21, 2020

Freddy Martinez
Muckrock News DEPT. MR 91149
411A Highland Ave.
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: **DHS Appeal Number 2020-HQAP-00179**
       FOIA Request Number 2020-HQFO-00846

Dear Freddy Martinez:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has received your appeal of the response by **DHS Privacy** to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding:

1) documents sufficient to show the scope, purpose and objectives of "Operation Palladium";
2) documents sufficient to show the number of offices assigned to Operation Palladium;
3) communications between ICE, DHS, and other law enforcement agencies for the implementation of Operation Palladium.

On behalf of the Deputy Associate General Counsel for General Law, we acknowledge your appeal and are assigning it number **2020-HQAP-00179** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of FOIA requests have been received by the Department. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.[1] While we will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis, there may be some delay in resolving this matter.

The status of your appeal is now available online and can be accessed at: https://www.dhs.gov/foia-status, by using the appeal number. Status information is updated daily. Alternatively, you can download the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, the free app is available for all Apple and Android devices. With the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, you can submit FOIA requests or check the status of requests, access all of the content on the FOIA website, and receive updates anyplace, anytime.

Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact me at Bradley.White@hq.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

---

[1] Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.

Exhibit G

Bradley E. White
Senior Director, Litigation, Appeals, and Policy