

**Exhibit J**

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Subject: FOIPA # 1450216-000

To: [petesorenson@gmail.com](mailto:petesorenson@gmail.com) <[petesorenson@gmail.com](mailto:petesorenson@gmail.com)>

Good Morning Mr. Sorenson,

We're contacting you about the FOIPA request above. The FBI located approximately 1,971 pages and audio/video media files potentially responsive to your request. In your January 4, 2021 letter, you agreed to pay \$385 for processing.

Requests are processed in the order in which they are received through our multi-track processing system:

Small track requests (0- 50 pages) current average time is approximately 4 months to complete;

Medium track requests (51-950 pages) current average time is approximately 27 months to complete;

Large track requests (951-8000 pages) current average time is approximately 57 months to complete; and

Extra-large track requests (over 8000 pages) current average time is approximately 70 months to complete.

The current average time to complete your x-large track request is at least 70 months. Reducing the scope of your request may accelerate the processing, allow for a timelier receipt of the information you seek, and reduce the duplication costs, if applicable. Would you be willing to consider reducing the scope of your request to place it in a smaller, potentially faster processing track?

The approximate time of completion for this request is within the x-large track due to the amount of media potentially responsive to this request.

Please let us know if you would like to move forward with reducing the scope of your request. If you do reduce the scope of your request the size, you can request additional material with a new FOIPA request upon completion of this one.

Sincerely,

Negotiation Team

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For additional information, please visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.

COVID-19 Impact: Given the current COVID-19 pandemic and federal guidelines to mitigate the spread of the virus, the FBI's Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) is operating with limited staff on a staggered schedule to protect the safety of its employees, families and communities. As a result, estimated dates of completion for Freedom of Information Act requests were impacted and you can expect lengthened response timelines. Please note that these are estimates, and these timelines may change as this national emergency evolves. The FBI remains committed to fulfilling your FOIPA request in the timeliest manner possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.