

# **EXHIBIT D**

U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

September 28, 2018

Mr. Scott A. Hodes  
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FOIPA Request No.: 1319503-000  
Subject: Bistran, Peter David

Dear Mr. Hodes:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request for FBI records concerning Peter David Bistran. This letter will serve to document your email exchange with my representative on September 27, 2018.

My representative explained that your request was currently in the large track of our multi-track backlog of unassigned FOIA requests. This track contains requests for records in excess of 950 pages and assignments from this queue to our FOIA Processing Units are typically delayed for a significant amount of time. My representative indicated that the FBI located approximately 8,734 pages related to your subject and you were offered the opportunity to reduce the scope of your request to accelerate its assignment for processing. You indicated that you would like all responsive files processed at this time. Also you advised that you were willing to wait to have the files processed. Your request will remain in the large-track backlog until its assignment to our FOIA Processing Units.

Your request will be processed as interim releases of approximately 500 pages per CD, and by fax dated June 25, 2015, you agreed to pay all fees associated with your request. We certainly appreciate your consideration in this matter and solicit your continued patience.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my representative at 540-868-4894. You may also submit questions via the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Hardy", is positioned above the typed name.

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

*Handwritten note:*  
Handled directly by P. Smith 9/11/18