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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Schaerr:

This is to inform you that the Department of State has received your letter dated January 7, 2021, appealing Freedom of Information Act Case No. F-2021-00196. Your appeal has been assigned tracking number A-2021-00182, please use this number in further correspondence.

Should you have any questions concerning the status of your appeal, please contact <u>FOIAStatus@state.gov</u>, or write to:

U.S. Department of State Appeals Officer HST Room B266 2201 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20520

Sincerely,

/s/

Lori Hartmann Appeals Officer Office of Information Programs and Services