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Via Email

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Dear Mr. Hong:

This letter is the response of the Civil Division, Department of Justice to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you requested records concerning a case against the Royal Bank of Scotland. This Office received your request on December 14, 2018.

The Civil Division located 610 pages responsive to your request. Five hundred ninety-seven pages are being withheld in full. The Civil Division withheld certain information because it is protected from disclosure under the FOIA pursuant to:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), which concerns trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential;
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which concerns certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process and attorney work-product privileges;
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties; and
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), which concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

Please be advised that the Civil Division referred thirteen pages to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) for processing and direct response to you. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 16.4 (2019). If you have any questions concerning the status of this referral, please contact EOUSA using the Department's FOIA Contact List available at <https://www.justice.gov/oip/find-foia-contact-doj/list>.

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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2018). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that we give to all our requesters. You should not take it as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 202-514-2319 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the Civil Division's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiastar.doj.gov>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



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