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Re: DOJ-2017-001355 (OIP)
DRH:LAD

Dear Michael Best:

This concerns your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on December 20, 2016, in which you requested emails to, from, or carbon copied to the Director of the Office of Information Policy, Melanie Pustay, that contain certain words or phrases from 2015 and 2016.

At this time, we have conducted a preliminary search in the Office of Information Policy and approximately 900 potentially responsive records have been located. Given the passage of time, I am inquiring into your continued interest in this request. If you are interested in the continued processing of this request, you may indicate so by emailing Laurie Day at Laurie.Day@usdoj.gov, and we will continue processing it. If we have not received a response within thirty business days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are not interested in further processing of your request, and your request will be closed administratively.

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 is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Valeree Villanueva, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642.

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; or toll free at 1-877-684-6448.

If you are not satisfied with this Office's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Hibbard", with a small "DR" monogram at the end.

Douglas R. Hibbard
Chief, Initial Request Staff