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Via Email: 101032-48486803@requests.muckrock.com

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RE: FOIA Case No. 2020-FPRO-01721

Dear Mr. Gamez:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 17, 2020, in which you seek access to Postal Service records. On February 11, 2022, you requested an update for this request. Please accept our apologies for the delay response.

Under the FOIA, agencies are mandated to produce records responsive to a request in accordance with statutory timeframes, subject to certain exemptions. The FOIA allows agencies 20 working days (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays) to process requests. In unusual circumstances, agencies may qualify for further extensions, and may request a modified FOIA request and/or time frame for response. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B).

“Unusual circumstances” apply to the processing of a request if: (1) there is need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request; (2) there is need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request; or (3) there is need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject-matter interest therein. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(iii).

Because these unusual circumstances apply to the processing of your request, and your request requires consultation among two or more components of the Postal Service having substantial subject matter interest in the types of records involved, we are extending the response period to 30 business days from the date of this letter. As such, the new statutory time limit to respond to your request expires on March 31, 2022. You will be contacted on or immediately after that date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy P. Chavannes-Battle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy P. Chavannes-Battle
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer