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Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:10 AM
To: Melissa Chua <mchua@nylag.org>
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Subject: 2021-HQAP-00227 (FINAL)

Ms. Chua:

Please find attached the FINAL FOIA Letter issued by the Houston/Galveston office for the above matter.

Thank you,

Lauren M. Meus
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RE: DHS FOIA APPEAL 2021-HQAP-00227; FOIA REQUEST 2021-HQFO-00013

Dear Ms. Chua:

On or about April 27, 2022, I **REMANDED** this matter and directed the Agency to provide a supplemental response concerning your initial FOIA request. My letter specifically gave the Agency 30 days to comply.

To date, I have not received a response from the Agency. Therefore, this letter constitutes final agency action and you are now able to appeal this matter to Federal District Court.

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This decision is the final action of DHS FOIA APPEAL 2021-HQAP-00227. You may seek judicial review of this decision, per 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(B) in either the United States District Court: 1) where you reside; 2) the district where the pertinent agency is situated; or 3) in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Cantrell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tommy B. Cantrell
Attorney Advisor
United States Coast Guard
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CC: FOIA Appeals Officer