Plaintiff's Exhibit A



## U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons

Northeast Regional Office U.S. Custom House 2nd & Chestnut St., 7th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19106

November 18, 2021

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Dear Anjali Belur:

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) received your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request. Your request has been assigned a number and forwarded to the processing office noted below. Please make a note of the request number and processing office as you will need to include it in any correspondence or inquiry regarding your request.

FOIA/PA Request Number: 2022-00915

Processing Office: NER

The time needed to complete our processing of your request depends on the complexity of our records search and the volume and complexity of any records located. Each request is assigned to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Due to the large number of FOIA/PA requests received by BOP and the limited resources available to process such requests, BOP handles each request on a first in, first out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Your request was assigned to the complex track and placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt.

We determined unusual circumstances exist as the documents responsive to your request must be searched for and collected from a field office, and/or the documents responsive to your request are expected to be voluminous and will require significant time to review. Because of these unusual circumstances, we have extended the time limit to respond to your request for the ten additional days provided by the statute. Processing complex requests may take up to nine months. In accordance with 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b) and (c), you may narrow or modify your request in an effort to reduce the processing time.

Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.10, in certain circumstances we are required to charge fees for time spent searching for or duplicating responsive documents. If we anticipate your fees will be in excess of \$25.00 or the amount you have indicated you are willing to pay, we will notify you of the estimated amount. At that time, you will have the option to reformulate your request to reduce the fees. If you requested a fee waiver, we will decide whether to grant your request after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, please feel free to contact the NER at 215-521-7391 (phone) or the BOP's FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Eugene Baime, at: (202) 616-7750 (phone); 320 First Street NW, Room 924, Washington, DC 20534; or ogc\_efoia@bop.gov. You can also check the status of your request online at <a href="http://www.bop.gov/PublicInfo/execute/foia">http://www.bop.gov/PublicInfo/execute/foia</a>.

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: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road (OGIS), College Park, MD 20740; ogis@nara.gov; (202) 741-5770 (phone); (877) 684-6448 (toll free); or (202) 741-5769 (fax).

Sincerely,

Lee-Anne Eichensehr

**Government Information Specialist**