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RE: 2016-ICAP-00050, 2016-ICFO-05675

Dear Ms. Gilman:

This letter is in response to your correspondence, dated October 12, 2015, and received on October 19, 2015, appealing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request. Your FOIA/PA request sought any records maintained by ICE relating to the detention of women in the T. Don Hutto Center; guidance, rules or policies utilized in custody determinations for women at T. Don Hutto Center; procedures and decision-making processes utilized by DHS in custody determinations for women at the T. Don Hutto Center; documentation for individual custody determinations including the I-286, Rick Classification Assessments, Bond Determination Checksheets, DHS responses to requests for custody determination; and all Notices to Appear issued for each woman held at T. Don Hutto Center; all documents to cover period from July 15, 2013 to March 14, 2014. You are appealing the adequacy of the search.

In its final response letter dated September 9, 2015, the ICE FOIA Office advised that the ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) conducted a search for records which produced one Excel spreadsheet which was provided to you with portions withheld pursuant to Exemptions of the FOIA. However, ICE has determined that a new search or, modifications to the existing search, could be made. We are therefore remanding your appeal to ICE FOIA for processing and re-tasking to the appropriate agency/office(s) to obtain any responsive documents. The ICE FOIA Office will respond directly to you.

Should you have any questions regarding this appeal remand, please contact ICE at <u>ice-foia@dhs.gov</u>. In the subject line of the email, please include the word "appeal," your appeal number, which is **2016-ICAP-00050**, and the FOIA case number, which is **2016-ICFO-05675**.

Sincerely,

Debbie Seguin

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cc: The ICE FOIA Office