

# EXHIBIT E



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**F-2014-08533**

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>  
To: Praveen Madhiraju <bytyqibrothers@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 12:09 PM

Mr. Madhiraju,

Since 2008, the Department has experienced a 300 percent increase in the number of FOIA and Privacy Act requests it receives annually. In Fiscal Year ("FY") 2015, the Department received nearly 25,000 FOIA and/or Privacy Act requests. To date, in FY 2016, the Department has received 8,500 FOIA and/or Privacy Act requests.

There has also been a marked increase in the number of FOIA lawsuits filed against the Department in recent years. The Department is currently engaged in over 100 FOIA litigation cases, many of which involve court-ordered document production schedules. This significant increase in the number of FOIA lawsuits is drawing on limited and already over-burdened resources and has necessitated the continued realignment of resources to meet court-imposed deadlines associated with this increase in litigation.

The new estimated completion date (ECD) for this case is: January 2017

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 9:51 AM  
**To:** FOIA Status  
**Subject:** Re: F-2014-08533

Dear FOIA staff,

You are correct that I was not granted expedited status in May 2014, but your June 3, 2016 email to me notified me that the Branch Chief had reviewed the case and due to the extended delay, was expediting the review. You can find that email below. The relevant portion is copied here:

"The Branch Chief of the Compliance and Research Branch informed us that processing of this case is still underway. Each case is different and the processing time depends on the complexity of information requested, the location of the information, and the time it takes to review the records. We were also informed that they will try to expedite the case and have estimated the completion date (ECD) to be September 2016."

Best,

Praveen

On Mon, Sep 26, 2016 at 9:36 AM, FOIA Status <[FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear Praveen Madhiraju,

You were notified by mail on May 21, 2014, that your request did not meet the established criteria for expedited processing.

We appreciate your continued patience.

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [mailto:[bytyqibrothers@gmail.com](mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2016 12:13 PM

**To:** FOIA Status

**Subject:** Re: F-2014-08533

This is obviously disappointing - it shouldn't take nearly 3 years to complete a request with no guarantee that it will be completed upon that occasion. Is it still being placed on expedited status? That was promised to us over the Summer.

Best,

Praveen

On Fri, Sep 23, 2016 at 11:53 AM, FOIA Status <[FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Madhiraju,

Given the high volume of FOIA requests, in addition to a backlog which the Department is working diligently to reduce, there is presently a delay in the completion of FOIA requests.

The Department's electronic case notes indicate the case is still open. The searches are still pending. Each case is different and the processing time depends on the complexity of information requested, the location of the information, and the time it takes to review the records.

The new estimated completion date (ECD) for this case is: January 2017

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [<mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 11:53 AM  
**To:** FOIA Status  
**Subject:** RE: F-2014-08533

Dear FOIA staff,

I'm writing again to see if F-2014-08533 is complete yet or will be by the end of the month? It was originally filed in May 2014 and put on expedited status several months back, in order to be complete this month. It is truly a critical juncture right now for the family of the three murdered U.S. citizens, whom the request revolves around. The information is of the utmost importance to the surviving family and at this particular moment.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best,

Praveen

On Aug 22, 2016 4:36 PM, "FOIA Status" <[FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Madhiraju,

The Department's electronic case notes indicate the case is still open. The searches are still pending. Each case is different and the processing time depends on the complexity of information requested, the location of the information, and the time it takes to review the records.

The case notes still indicate the estimated completion date (ECD) for this case is: September 2016

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [mailto:[bytyqibrothers@gmail.com](mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2016 2:04 PM

**To:** FOIA Status

**Subject:** Re: F-2014-08533

Dear FOIA Staff,

I'm just checking in to see if this request is still on schedule to be completed in September 2016. It was originally filed in May 2014 and I believe you were going to try and expedite its review given the long wait.

Best,

Praveen

On Fri, Jun 3, 2016 at 8:23 AM, FOIA Status <[FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Madhiraju,

This is in reference to your email dated June 1, 2016 and our reply the same day regarding FOIA request number F-2014-08533. We have received the report from the Compliance and Research Branch working on your case.

The Branch Chief of the Compliance and Research Branch informed us that processing of this case is still underway. Each case is different and the processing time depends on the complexity of information requested, the location of the information, and the time it takes to review the records. We were also informed that they will try to expedite the case and have estimated the completion date (ECD) to be September 2016.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 1:32 AM

**To:** FOIA Status

**Subject:** RE: F-2014-08533

Dear FOIA staff,

I'm writing to inquire about the status of this request, which was slated to be ready yesterday.

Best

Praveen Madhiraju

On Mar 11, 2016 9:26 AM, "FOIA Status" <FOIAStatus@state.gov> wrote:

Mr. Madhiraju,

Thank you for inquiring on your case control number F-2014-08533. Accorded to our "Freedoms comments" the proposed estimated completion date is still May 31, 2016.

Regards,

Katrina

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:45 AM

**To:** FOIA Status

**Subject:** RE: F-2014-08533

Dear FOIA staff,

I am writing to inquire whether this request is still on track to be completed by May 2016? It was originally filed in May 2014.

Thanks for you help.

Best,

Praveen

Mr. Madhiraju,



Given the high volume of FOIA requests, in addition to a backlog which the Department is working diligently to reduce, there is presently a delay in the completion of FOIA requests.

The Department's electronic case notes indicate the case is still open. The searches are still pending. Each case is different and the processing time depends on the complexity of information requested, the location of the information, and the time it takes to review the records.

The estimated completion date (ECD) for this case is: May 2016

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [<mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 8:31 AM

**To:** FOIA Status

**Subject:** Re: F-2014-08533

Hi Chris and others,

I don't think I've yet received an update on this request - whether it will be completed this month or if there is a new completion date.

Thanks for your help.

Best,

Praveen

On Tue, Nov 3, 2015 at 2:07 PM, FOIA Status <[FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Madhiraju,

I have contacted the Case Analyst and requested a new estimated completion date for your case. The Analyst will contact the bureaus doing the searches and the individuals reviewing the material. This will take some time because each case is different. The search and review time varies. The time depends on the complexity of information requested and the time it takes to review the material.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have further concerns or any questions regarding any FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484, or fax us at (202) 261-8582 or send an e-mail to [foiastatus@state.gov](mailto:foiastatus@state.gov)

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [mailto:[bytyqibrothers@gmail.com](mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:01 AM

**To:** FOIA Status

**Subject:** Re: F-2014-08533

Dear FOIA Office Staff,

I'm checking back in on this request. The most recent estimated completion date I had was November 2015. The original request was filed in May 2014, I believe.

Thanks!

Praveen

On Wed, Jun 3, 2015 at 3:29 PM, FOIA Status <[FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov)> wrote:

**Praveen Madhiraju,**

This is a follow-up to your control case number F-2014-08533. The Statutory Compliance and Research Division Center initiated a search that is under review. The estimated completion date for your request is November 2015.

For your information:

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Regards,

Katrina M. Wood

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**From:** FOIA Status

**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 3:16 PM

**To:** 'Praveen Madhiraju'

**Subject:** RE: F-2014-08533

Praveen Madhiraju,

I have contacted the Case Analyst and requested another estimated completion date for your case. The Analyst have contacted the bureaus doing the searches and the individuals reviewing the material. Given the high volume of FOIA requests, in addition to a backlog which the Department is working diligently to reduce, there is presently a delay in the completion of FOIA requests.

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Regards,

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [<mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2015 3:49 PM

**To:** FOIA Status

**Subject:** Re: F-2014-08533

Hi Charlotte and others,

I wanted to just see if this request is still on track for May completion.

Thanks!

Praveen

On Tue, Oct 7, 2014 at 3:12 PM, FOIA Status <[FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear Praveen Madhiraju,

This is in reference to your e-mail dated October 6, 2014, inquiring about the status of your Freedom of Information Act request. According to our records, a search of records is still continuing. The estimated completion date for your request is May 2015. A copy of your e-mail has been forwarded to the office that is processing your request.

We appreciate your patience during this process.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) on [202-261-8484](tel:202-261-8484) and refer to your case control number.

Sincerely,

Charlotte W. Duckett

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**From:** Praveen Madhiraju [<mailto:bytyqibrothers@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, October 06, 2014 9:05 AM

**To:** FOIA Status

**Subject:** F-2014-08533

Hi,

I wanted to check on the progress of the above-referenced FOIA request. How is it proceeding and when might it be completed?

Thanks!

Praveen Madhiraju



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