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Re: DOJ-2017-003427 (AG)
VRB:DRH:ERH

Dear Mr. Bassin:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated and received in this Office on April 7, 2017, in which you requested records pertaining to the U.S. military strike against Syria on April 6, 2017, and/or the President's legal authority to launch that strike. This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General.

You have requested expedited processing of your request. I have determined that your request for expedited processing should be granted. Accordingly, your request has been assigned to a Government Information Specialist in this Office and a record search has been initiated in the Office of the Attorney General.

Although your request has been granted expedited processing, we are required to advise you that the records you seek require a search in another Office, and so your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). Accordingly, we have not yet completed a search to determine whether there are records within the scope of your request. The time needed to process your request will necessarily depend on the complexity of our records search and on the volume and complexity of any records located. Your request has been assigned to the expedited track, and will be processed as soon as practicable.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact me by telephone at the above number or you may write to me at Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Lastly, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the above telephone number to have any concerns you may have addressed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vanessa R. Brinkmann", with a small "BR" monogram at the end.

Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel