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NSD FOIA Request #17-095

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Wed, Mar 15, 2017 at 9:22 AM

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Re: FOIA/PA #17-095

Dear Mr. Leopold:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email dated March 6, 2017 pertaining to 1. Any and all records, which includes but is not limited to emails, memos, letters, text messages, instant messages, among all Department of Justice Components addressed here staff, including senior officials in the Office of Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General, that mentions or refers to President Donald Trump's use of Twitter and his tweets and constitutes discussions about his tweets. The timeframe for this request is November 8, 2016 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted. 2. Any and all records, which includes but is not limited to emails, memos, letters, text messages, instant messages, among all Department of Justice Components addressed here, including senior officials in the Office of Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General, that mentions or refers to and constitutes discussions about President Donald Trump's March 4, 2017 tweet that said, "Terrible! Just found out that Obama had my "wires tapped" in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!"

[<https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/837989835818287106>] 3. Any and all records, which includes but is not limited to emails, memos, letters, text messages, instant messages, among all Department of Justice Components addressed here, including senior officials in the Office of Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General, that mentions or refers to and constitutes discussions about President Donald Trump's March 4, 2017 tweet that said, "Is it legal for a sitting President to be "wire tapping" a race for president prior to an election? Turned down by court earlier. A NEW LOW!" [<https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/837993273679560704>]. Our FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act request on March 6, 2017.

Our policy is to process FOIA requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Consistent with this policy, every effort will be made to respond to your request as quickly as possible. The actual processing time will depend upon the complexity of the request, whether it involves sensitive or voluminous records, and whether consultations with other agencies or agency components are appropriate.

In regards to our telephone conversation on March 15, 2017 in reference to the extent of our search; it has been agreed upon that the National Security Division will only conduct a search of our Assistant Attorney General and our Deputy Assistant Attorney General's files for possible responsive records.

You have requested expedited processing of your request under the Department of Justice standards permitting expedition when a requester demonstrates a "compelling need." A compelling need is defined as follows:

1. Failure to obtain requested records on an expedited basis could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or
2. With respect to a request made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity.

You have demonstrated that there is a particular urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity. Therefore, we have determined that your request for expedited processing is granted.

Also, you requested a waiver of processing fees. Your reason for a fee waiver does meet the fee waiver threshold. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Arnetta Mallory

Government Information Specialist

From: Jason Leopold [mailto:jasonleopold@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 2:49 PM

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