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Case No. F-2014-06682

Segment: MPD

Mr. Ryan M. Scoville
1215 W. Michigan St.
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Mr. Scoville:

I refer to our letter dated December 14, 2015, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552) and your appeal dated February 12, 2016.

An additional search of the records of the Information Programs and Services Division has been completed and has resulted in the retrieval of 286 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that 277 may be released in full and nine must be released with excisions. All released material is enclosed.

The material in the excised portions of the documents released in part is of such a nature that its release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please be advised that some Certificates of Demonstrated Competence were not located in the appropriate files. The enclosed list notes which Certificates of Demonstrated Competence were missing from the files.

We regret that we misinformed you regarding the physical location of the retired records. Our Retired Records Inventory Management System indicated that the records had been retired to the Federal Records Center. We were not aware that they had not yet been transferred to the National Archives, and that they did still remain in Department of State legal custody. After receiving your appeal, our

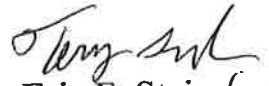
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researcher traveled to the Federal Records Center and was able to locate them.

We have now completed the processing of your case. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,



Eric F. Stein *fw*

Acting Director

Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.