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Mr. Jason Leopold
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Via email to: jasonleopold@gmail.com

RE: Freedom of Information Act Appeal (AF-17-0005)

Dear Mr. Leopold:

This letter responds to your June 23, 2017 email to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) appealing OSC's response of that date to your May 25, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (FO-17-0071).

Your request sought all OSC case file records regarding whistleblower retaliation at the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the Department of the Treasury from January 1, 2016 through the date of the search.

I have reviewed the relevant materials, including your request, OSC's search, OSC's response, and your appeal. OSC searched the relevant sources for the requested material. The search did not locate any records responsive to your FOIA request. After careful consideration, I have determined that the search was reasonably calculated to locate the requested information. Accordingly, I affirm OSC's response and deny your appeal.

You may seek judicial review of this decision by filing a complaint in an appropriate United States district court. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B). If you have any questions regarding this request, or require dispute resolution services, please feel free to contact Dawn Kral, FOIA Public Liaison, at 202-254-3636 or via email at dkral@osc.gov.¹

Sincerely,

/s/

Susan K. Ullman
General Counsel

¹ Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about their FOIA mediation services. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is: 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD 20740-6001; ogis@nara.gov, 202-741-5770, 1-877-684-6448 (Toll Free), 202-741-5769 (Fax).

