

# **EXHIBIT E**



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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**Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY17-283**

Dear Ms. Murphy:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your September 1, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request to the Office of Legal Counsel (“OLC”), among others, in which you sought four categories of records regarding North Korea, and “records describing the processing of [your] request.” We received your request on September 1, 2017, and it has been assigned tracking number **FY17-283**. For your information, consistent with 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(a), we construe your request as seeking records to the date(s) the searches are begun.

Your request for expedited processing has been granted and your request has been assigned to the “expedited” processing track. Because of the considerable number of FOIA requests received by OLC prior to your request, including other previously expedited requests, our staff has not yet been able to process your request. Accordingly, we are unlikely to be able to comply with the statutory deadline for responding to your request. I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request 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.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or wish to discuss your request, you may contact Melissa Golden, OLC’s FOIA Public Liaison, at (202) 514-2053, or at Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 5511, Washington, DC 20530.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul P. Colborn".

Paul P. Colborn  
Special Counsel