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Via Electronic Mail

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RE: Unreasonable Refusal to Produce Records and Potential Litigation

Mr. Bell:

On November 20, 2017, Graves Garrett LLC (“Graves Garrett” or “the Firm”) requested that HHS produce certain correspondence to and from Roberta F. White and Mary S. Wolf. HHS received these requests the same day and assigned them the tracking numbers 2018-00280-FOIA-OS and 2018-00284-FOIA-OS respectively. From our conversations and correspondence, we understand that you are currently responsible for these requests.

It has now been five months since Graves Garrett submitted these requests, and the agency has not produced any records. Should this status quo persist, the Firm will be forced to seek judicial relief.

We hope that we can avoid resorting to litigation. I ask that the agency produce the records the Firm requested on or before **May 7, 2018**. If the agency maintains that it cannot produce the records by that date, please provide the earliest date on which the agency can complete its production in response to each request.



Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BH', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Ben Hurst
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