

# **Exhibit E**

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Subject: RE: SIGAR Lessons Learned Program Records Request

Dear Mr. Arlington,

Thanks very much for the reply.

I take your point about the wording of the original FOIA request -- in retrospect, it should have specified more clearly that The Post is seeking any records of the interviews, including notes, not just transcripts or recordings (it was written that way because I assumed the Lessons Learned project staffers had made transcripts and recordings in all cases, given the importance of the interviews).

In any event, may I assume that you're treating this email exchange as the equivalent of either a clarified or amended FOIA request that includes the notes or other records of the interviews, if "notes" is not the correct term in all cases? If not, please let me know and I will promptly submit a new FOIA request.

I appreciate the time and effort you and your colleagues have put into this. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely yours,

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