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From: Natasha Bannan
Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 4:51 PM
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Cc: sllanes@ccrjustice.org; PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org; carla minet
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Ms. Scott,

Thank you for your email below. I'd like to propose a reinstatement of the agreement that we reached about a year ago with your predecessor, where Treasury provides us with a rolling production based on the documents that have already been identified as responsive to our request. Can you let me know what a timeline for such a production would look like?

In addition, please confirm whether there are any records included in our request that Treasury has determined are not in their possession. As I understand it from Mr. Jenkins, the Department underwent its initial determination a year ago as to which documents were responsive and the current wait is a result of internal vetting, not record identification.

Thank you,

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From: Jacqueline.Scott@treasury.gov [mailto:Jacqueline.Scott@treasury.gov]
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Cc: sllanes@ccrjustice.org; PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Good afternoon Ms. Bannan,

Thank you for your follow-up to the subject request. I can only continue to apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your organization.

The processing days I provided are only an average number of days for Treasury to process a request, not a promise date. Some requests, such as your request, takes longer to process. Your request is currently #409 in our processing queue, which means 408 requesters submitted their requests first and is currently being processed ahead of yours. I explained this in my email to your earlier regarding Treasury's First-in, First-out processing queue.

At the time of your conversation with Mr. Jenkins, he was working your case exclusively. Since that time Treasury has experienced a turnover. With four available analysts processing over 1,000 cases, we are working diligently to not only provide you with a response but other requesters as well.

The 2016 FOIA Improvement Act require agencies to ensure requesters are aware that they have the right to contact the agency's FOIA Public Liaison to seek assistance and, in the case of an adverse determination, the right to appeal within a period of time "that is not less than 90 days after the date of such adverse determination," and the right to seek dispute resolution services from the FOIA Public Liaison of the agency or the Office of Government Information Services.

Therefore, you may seek dispute resolution services from our Treasury FOIA Public Liaison by contacting Paul Levitan, Director, FOIA & Transparency at (202) 622-8098 or email FOIAPL@treasury.gov.

You may also wish to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office which offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
ogis@nara.gov
ogis.archives.gov
(202) 741-5770
(877) 684-6448

Treasury is still processing your request. To determine the status of your request and where it falls in Treasury's queue, please select the link below and select/click Complex, then search for your assigned case number.

[Treasury DO Multi-Tracks and Queues](#)

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any additional questions.

Best Regards,

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From: Natasha Bannan [<mailto:nbannan@latinojustice.org>]
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To: Scott, Jacqueline <Jacqueline.Scott@treasury.gov>; FPL@treasury.gov; FOIA <FOIA@treasury.gov>
Cc: sllanes@ccrjustice.org; PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Ms. Scott,

I write to follow up to our original request which was filed with your office over a year ago, way beyond the 208 days that Treasury takes to respond to complex requests as you mentioned. It's been over six

months since your colleague notified me that our request would be immediately responded to, and over four months since your last communication. In my communications with Mr. Jenkins in August 2017, we agreed to a timeline - proposed by Treasury - that would provide documents on a rolling production basis, which has not been upheld.

Please notify me as soon as possible of the status of our request.

Best,

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Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Natasha Bannan <nbannan@latinojustice.org>; FPL@treasury.gov; FOIA@treasury.gov
Cc: sllanes@ccrjustice.org; PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Good Morning Ms. Bannan,

I apologize I didn't respond sooner to your inquiry. I've reviewed our case file regarding your request to include the correspondence conversation with Steven Jenkins. Our office is still reviewing the documents provided to us by the program offices. We are still determining the responsiveness of the information and eliminating any duplication.

Please keep in mind, Treasury Departmental Offices processes FOIA requests in a multi-track system, which identifies a request as simple or complex, and process each request on a first-in, first-out basis. Your request is considered complex and is currently #434 in our processing queue. You can follow the status of your request posted bi-monthly on Treasury's FOIA website. I've provided you a link to the latest report, just select/click Complex and search for your assigned case number. Treasury's average processing time for complex requests is approximately 208 business days.

[Treasury DO Multi-Tracks and Queues](#)

Please feel free to reach out to me on my business cell today or my office phone tomorrow if you have any additional questions.

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Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 3:42 PM
To: FPL@treasury.gov; FOIA <FOIA@treasury.gov>; Scott, Jacqueline <Jacqueline.Scott@treasury.gov>
Cc: Stephanie Llanes <sllanes@ccrjustice.org>; Pam Spees <PSpees@ccrjustice.org>; Darius Charney <DCharney@ccrjustice.org>
Subject: FW: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Ms. Scott,

This is my second time writing you requesting the status of our request, which was filed nearly ten months ago. As of two months ago, Mr. Jenkins had agreed to send me the initial production of documents and we agreed on a schedule of production and communication that has yet to be followed. As of today I have yet to receive any document, nor any further communication from your office. Please respond immediately letting me know the status of our request.

Best,

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From: Steven.Jenkins@treasury.gov [<mailto:Steven.Jenkins@treasury.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Natasha Bannan <nbannan@latinojustice.org>
Cc: PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org; sllanes@ccrjustice.org; Jacqueline.Scott@treasury.gov
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Hi Natasha,

Unfortunately, I no longer work in the FOIA Office that is processing your request. I have been told that your case will be reassigned, and the new analyst will contact you directly. In the meantime please contact Jackie Scott at FPL@treasury.gov or FOIA@treasury.gov to address any concerns.

Best Regards,
Steven

From: Natasha Bannan [<mailto:nbannan@latinojustice.org>]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Jenkins, Steven <Steven.Jenkins@treasury.gov>
Cc: PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org; sllanes@ccrjustice.org
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Steven,

I didn't receive a response yet to my below inquiry and we are now past both the initial and amended deadlines to have received production of documents per my original email to you in July. Please let me know ASAP what day this week documents will be produced by.

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Cc: PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org; sllanes@ccrjustice.org
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Thanks Steven. Does that mean ALL responsive documents will be sent to me on September 1?

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From: Steven.Jenkins@treasury.gov [<mailto:Steven.Jenkins@treasury.gov>]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Natasha Bannan
Cc: PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org; sllanes@ccrjustice.org
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Hi Natasha,

I have concluded my meeting regarding your FOIA Case, and received additional guidance from my boss to confer with an additional office. This will be done with the expectation to have redacted documents for you no later than Friday, September 1, 2017. If for some reason there is a change that could affect this production, I will let you know.

Best Regard,
Steven

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From: Natasha Bannan [<mailto:nbannan@latinojustice.org>]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Jenkins, Steven
Cc: PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org; sllanes@ccrjustice.org
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Thanks Steven. I'll expect to hear back from you then tomorrow afternoon.

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To: Natasha Bannan
Cc: PSpees@ccrjustice.org; DCharney@ccrjustice.org; sllanes@ccrjustice.org
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Hi Natasha,

With regard to FOIA Case 2017-02-121, Currently I have reviewed approximately 60% of the documents associated with this case. While I did not meet the stated goal of providing an interim release of information to you by August 14, 2017, I will have reviewed **all responsive documents** provided with this case by August 31, 2017.

Additionally, I am meeting with my boss this Friday, August 25, 2017 to discuss and review redactions made thus far to this case. At the conclusion of the meeting, I will contact you to provide the estimate of documents and pages to be released to you.

Best Regards,

Steven

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From: Natasha Bannan [<mailto:nbannan@latinojustice.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:47 AM
To: Jenkins, Steven
Cc: Pam Spees; Darius Charney; Stephanie Llanes
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Mr. Jenkins,

I'm following up to my previous email below. Our agreed upon schedule below included an initial release of documents on 8/14, however I have not received anything from your office yet. Please respond immediately letting me know when the initial release will be made.

Thank you,

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From: Natasha Bannan
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 9:43 AM
To: 'Steven.Jenkins@treasury.gov'
Subject: RE: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Hi Steven,

When we spoke last week, you mentioned that you could release the documents with duplicates, i.e. email threads that include the same prior email discussions with each consecutive response. We would in fact like duplicates with the release. I believe the first release of documents was scheduled for two days ago. Can you let me know based on the agreed upon timeline below when you'll be able to send the first production?

Thanks,

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From: Steven.Jenkins@treasury.gov [<mailto:Steven.Jenkins@treasury.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Natasha Bannan
Subject: FOIA Follow-up 2017-02-121

Ms. Bannan,

Thank you very much for speaking with me concerning FOIA 2017-02-121 this afternoon. As stated during our phone conversation, I will continue reviewing documents associated with this FOIA case with the goal of producing responsive information under the following timetable:

- August 7, 2017 – Provide estimate of amount of documents to be reviewed under FOIA
- August 14, 2017 – Provide first release of responsive documents
- August 31, 2017 – Provide estimate date of completion for complete review of all information

Once again I thank you for taking the time to speak with me, and I look forward to communicating with you as we work to answer this FOIA request.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me either through email, or you may call 202-622-3807.

Best Regards,
Steven

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