

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Jason Leopold Senior Investigative Reporter BuzzFeed News jasonleopold@gmail.com

Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY19-144

Dear Mr. Leopold:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your May 17, 2019 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC"), in which you sought

- 1. All letters, emails, memos, reports, legal opinions mentioning or referring to Robert Mueller's testimony before Congress[; and]
- 2. All records, including emails, memos, letters legal opinions and reports, exchanged between [OLC] and the Office of Attorney general memorializing discussions relating to Robert Mueller's testimony before Congress.

We received your request on May 17, 2019, and it has been assigned tracking number **FY19-144**. For your information, consistent with 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(a), we construe your request as seeking records from March 21, 2019, to the date a search is begun. Based on our preliminary review of your request, and pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b), your request has been tentatively assigned to the "complex" processing track. If you would like to narrow your request so that it can be transferred to the "simple" track and processed more quickly, please contact Melissa Golden at the address and phone number provided below.

Because of the considerable number of FOIA requests received by OLC prior to your request, our staff has not yet been able to process your request. Accordingly, we will be unable 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 possible.

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 usdoj-officeoflegalcounsel@usdoj.gov,

(202) 514-2053, or at Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 5511, Washington, DC 20530.

Sincerely,

Paul P. Colborn Special Counsel