

# **EXHIBIT G**



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Re: DOJ-2020-001616  
DOJ-2020-001617  
DRH:VAV:GMG

Dear Ben Berwick:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on January 3, 2020, in which you requested various records pertaining to the January 2, 2020 military strike in Iraq, dating from December 1, 2019.

As an initial matter, pursuant to your email communication on January 6, 2020 you advised this Office to close the request associated with administrative tracking number DOJ-2020-001617 as a duplicate of DOJ-2020-001616. Accordingly, this request has been administratively closed. For future communications please reference administrative tracking number DOJ-2020-001616.

You have requested expedited processing of your request. I have determined that your request for expedited processing should be granted. Accordingly, your request has been assigned to an analyst in this Office and our processing of it has been initiated.

Although your request has been granted expedited processing, we are required to advise you that the records you seek require a search in and/or consultation with another Office, and so your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii) (2018). Accordingly, we have not yet completed a search to determine whether there are records within the scope of your request. The time needed to process your request will necessarily depend on the complexity of our records search and on the volume and complexity of any records located. Any decision with regard to the application of fees will be made only after we determine whether fees will be implicated for this request. Your request has been assigned to the expedited track and will be processed as soon as practicable.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handing your request, Georgianna Gilbeaux, by telephone at the above number or you may write to them at the above address. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Valeree Villanueva, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas R. Hibbard".

Douglas R. Hibbard  
Chief, Initial Request Staff