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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-004303  
Request No. NFP-106156  
CDT:PJA

**VIA: Email**

Dear Freddy Martinez:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning open and closed investigations on four named Congresswomen. I note your appeal concerns the FBI's response that your request was improper. Please note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019, which resulted in a delay in responding to your appeal.

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and this Office, I am remanding your request to the FBI further processing. If the FBI locates and determined that records are releasable, it will send them to you directly, subject to any applicable fees. You may appeal any future adverse determination made by the FBI. If you would like to inquire about the status of this remanded request or to receive an estimated date of completion, please contact the FBI directly at (540) 868-1535.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

7/8/2019

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christina Troiani".

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Christina D. Troiani, Associate Chief, for  
Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff  
Signed by: CHRISTINA TROIANI

Exhibit D