



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General

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Jason Leopold
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Subject: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Request [20-OIG-080]

Dear Mr. Leopold:

Your request for information relating to the above-cited subject was received in this office on December 16, 2019.

Your request will be handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §552a). It has been assigned the following control number: 20-OIG-080. Please cite this number in any further inquiry about this request.

You requested that we expedite your request pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(d)(1)(ii), which provides that a request will be given expedited treatment if it is “made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information” and the responding component determines that there is “[a]n urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity.” The regulations further provide that in order to satisfy this provision a requestor must “establish a particular urgency beyond the public’s right to know about government activity generally.” *Id.* § 16.5(d)(3). However, you have not explained the nature of this urgency beyond the public’s general right to know. Accordingly, we are denying your request for expedition.

I must advise you that fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication of copies at the rate of \$.10 per copy. The first 100 copies and two hours of search time are not charged, and the remaining combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Most requests do not require any fees; however, if fees are required we will notify you beforehand.

We will answer your request as quickly as possible. If you have further questions, please address your inquiry to U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 4726, Washington, D.C. 20530 or to check the status of your request contact us at

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(202) 616-0646.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request for expedition, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Kim Kochurka

Government Information Specialist
Office of the General Counsel