


**EXHIBIT K**



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**Subject:** RE: FOIA

We will process the new request under a new number and be treated the same as the prior request moving forward.

The administrative appeal of DOJ's partial denial of 145-FOI-16112, which was filed on November 2, 2018 and assigned number DOJ-AP-2019-000630, is with the office of information policy under appeal. That will go on as is in the appellate stage.

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Dear Stephanie and Hirsh:

Thank you for your email and cooperation throughout this process. I just want to make sure that I understand what you mean when you say that "the appeal would continue to be processed as is." Specifically, per our conversation of last Wednesday, my understanding is that, while a new request would formally be filed by the new requester, it will be deemed treated exactly the same as the prior request – i.e., it would be treated as having been processed and denied in part. Further, I understand that the request would be deemed to have been appealed as of November 2, 2018, for purposes of the exhaustion of administrative remedies. Please let me know if I am mistaken in any regard. Thank you again.

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Good afternoon,

The appeal would continue to be processed as is. Thank you.

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Mr. Kravitz and Ms. Logan:

Further to our conversation from this morning, below is the information I have regarding the requests currently filed with DOJ under my company's name. I understand in order for the requests to be transferred to another party, that party would need to re-file them. Can you please confirm the requests would not then lose their place in queue, and any processing would resume from where they stand currently? Please also confirm what the process for the pending appeal would be; what are next steps with regard to the appeal? Would the appeal need to be re-issued?

1. The Swoben FOIA request. Filed April 26, 2018. Originally assigned DOJ tracking no. DOJ-2018-004484. Later consolidated as Request No. 145-FOI-16112 SBL:HDK.
2. The Poehling FOIA request. Filed April 26, 2018. Originally assigned DOJ tracking no. DOJ-2018-004485. Later consolidated as Request No. 145-FOI-16112 SBL:HDK.
3. The Janke FOIA request. Filed April 26, 2018. Originally assigned DOJ tracking no. DOJ-2018-004487. Later consolidated as Request No. 145-FOI-16112 SBL:HDK. Later reassigned tracking no. 145-FOI-16908.
4. The Burwell FOIA request. Filed April 26, 2018. Originally assigned DOJ tracking no. DOJ-2018-004488. Later consolidated as Request No. 145-FOI-16112 SBL:HDK. Later sent to CMS for additional review and processing.
5. **The administrative appeal of DOJ's partial denial of 145-FOI-16112, which was filed on November 2, 2018 and assigned number DOJ-AP-2019-000630, which is currently pending with DOJ.**

We are hoping to re-filed these requests ASAP.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter.

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