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From: Lucy Kissel

To: <u>"DEAFOIAPAQuestions@usdoj.gov"</u>

Cc: Andrew Strenio
Subject: FOIA/ PA Request

Date: Friday, November 1, 2019 4:18:00 PM

Good afternoon,

I am writing in reference to a FOIA/ Privacy Act request that our office submitted on October 22, 2018 pertaining to Edgar García, Marc Snarr, Gabriel Rhones, Roger Wiggins, and Baltazar García. My colleague Andrew Strenio (cc'ed) sent the request by email to DEA.FOIA@usdoj.gov. The DEA has not acknowledged the request.

I called your agency at (202) 307-7596 this morning and left a voicemail in reference to this request. This afternoon, I sent an email regarding this request to <u>DEA.FOIA@usdoj.gov</u>. I received an automated response, advising that questions about pending requests should be directed to this address, <u>DEAFOIAPAQuestions@usdoj.gov</u>.

Our office also called your agency in reference to this request on May 14, 2019, and left a voicemail. On June 29, 2019, I followed up by email to DEA.FOIA@usdoj.gov. Yvette Davis, a DEA employee, called me on July 2, 2019. Ms. Davis said that she was unable to locate the October 22, 2018 request, and asked me to re-send it to DEA.FOIA@usdoj.gov. I did so on September 4, 2019, and asked that the DEA confirm receipt. The DEA has not responded.

Please note that our office requested that the October 22, 2018 request be processed on an expedited basis. As you are aware, notice of the determination whether to grant expedited processing must be provided to the requester within ten days. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(ii)(I). Additionally, agencies have twenty business days to determine whether to comply with a request and immediately notify the requester of the determination. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i). It has now been more than one year since we submitted this request.

Therefore, please confirm receipt of the request dated October 22, 2018, provide a determination with respect to expedited processing, and provide a determination with respect to the records we requested. My contact information is below, should you need any further information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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