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Via email: [60290-09198877@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:60290-09198877@requests.muckrock.com)

Jimmy Tobias  
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Dear Mr. Tobias:

On, September 5, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Any and all written or electronic communications, including attachments, between former DOI energy counselor Vincent Devito and any representative, agent, employee or lobbyist of the oil and gas firm, and Cox Oil Off shore LLC . This request seeks records produced between January 20, 2017 and September 1, 2018.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on September 5, 2018, and assigned control number **OS-2018-01588**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified you as a representative of the news media. As such, we may charge you for some of our duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our search or review costs; you also are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#). If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#)

You can expect to hear from us promptly regarding the outcome of this search.

Because we will need to consult with one or more bureaus of the Department in order to properly process your request, the Office of the Secretary FOIA office is taking a 10-workday extension

Exhibit B

Mr. Jimmy Tobias

under 43 C.F.R. § 2.19. For the same reason, we are placing your request under the “Normal” processing track. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.19.

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at [os\\_foia@ios.doi.gov](mailto:os_foia@ios.doi.gov) or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

**CLARICE JULKA**

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