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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

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Washington, D.C. 20530

December 14, 2018

Daniel Van Schooten
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     Re: **FOIA Tracking No. FY19-034**

Dear Mr. Van Schooten:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your November 9, 2018 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC"), in which you sought "[a]ny OLC opinion or memorandum related to the legality and constitutionality of the appointment of Matthew Whitaker (or any Chief of Staff to the Attorney General) as Acting Attorney General" and "[a]ny examination or analysis of potential recusal obligations for Matthew Whitaker." We received your request on November 9, 2018, and it has been assigned tracking number **FY19-034**. Based on our preliminary review of your request, and pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b), your request has been tentatively assigned to the "complex" processing track. If you would like to narrow your request so that it can be transferred to the "simple" track and processed more quickly, please contact Melissa Golden at the address and phone number provided below.

Because of the considerable number of FOIA requests received by OLC prior to your request, our staff has not yet been able to process your request. Accordingly, we will be unable to comply with the statutory deadline for responding to your request. I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or wish to discuss your request, you may contact Melissa Golden, OLC's FOIA Public Liaison, at usdoj-officeoflegalcounsel@usdoj.gov, (202) 514-2053, or at Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 5511, Washington, DC 20530.

Sincerely,

Paul P. Colborn
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