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## FOIA request COW2020000426

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To: Marie Vincent <marie@pangealegal.org>

Fri, May 1, 2020 at 5:41 AM

Good Morning Ms. Vincent,

I will respond to the offices performing the search for records with the clarification statement you have provided and using the time frame of **January 1, 2018 to March 3, 2020** to fulfill your FOIA request.

In accordance with Department of Homeland Security Regulations (6 C.F.R. § 5.4(a)), USCIS uses a “cut-off” date to delineate the scope of a FOIA request by treating records created after that date as not responsive to that request. Therefore, in determining which records are responsive to your request, we will only include records in the possession of this agency as of **March 3, 2020**, the date we began the search for records.

**We are seeking copies of all internal DHS guidance, trainings, policies and memoranda used in the processing of I-730 petitions for beneficiaries with prior orders of removal in the time frame of January 1, 2018 to the date of the final response to this request.**

We respond to requests on a first-in, first-out basis and on a multi-track system. Your request has been placed in the complex track (Track 2).

Because of the unusual circumstances everyone is experiencing and to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Additionally, due to the scope and nature of your request, USCIS will need to locate, compile, and review responsive records from multiple offices, both at headquarters and in the field. USCIS may also need to consult with another agency or other component of the Department of Homeland Security that have a substantial interest in the responsive information.

We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

R/

Denise

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**Exhibit F**

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