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*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

June 3, 2020

**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: jasonleopold@gmail.com**

Jason Leopold  
6824 Lexington Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90038

Re: **2020-NPFO-00156**

Dear Mr. Leopold:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated June 1, 2020, and your request for expedited handling and a waiver of all assessable FOIA fees. Our office received your request on June 1, 2020. Specifically, you requested:

1. Emails, memos, letters, directives mentioning or referring to "Minneapolis riot," "Los Angeles riot," "Washington, DC riot," "protests and black lives matter," "protests and George Floyd," "protests and rioters and looters," "White House and protests," "Trump and tweet and shooting and looters," "protests and Minneapolis," "protests and Washington, DC," "protests and secret service," "protests and looting," "protests and ANTIFA," "protests and Boogaloo," "Big Igloo Bois and protests," "NYPD and Black Lives Matter and protests," "protests and white supremacists," "protests and Proud Boys," "protests and federal property and Federal Protective Service," "protests and National Guard," "protests and Santa Monica and Beverly Hills," "protests and riot," "Donald Trump and bunker and protests," "protests and social media," "George Floyd and Twitter and Facebook," "Black Lives Matter and Twitter and Facebook," Donald Trump and tweets and protests." Please be sure any correspondence includes emails exchanged with fusion centers and Joint Terrorism Task Forces and any eop.gov email address.

You agreed in correspondence with the Acting FOIA Public Liaison on June 3, 2020, to limit the accounts searched for Item 1 to agency decision-makers, defined as GS-15 and Senior Executive Service employees, and political appointees.

2. Intelligence Bulletins, PATRIOT reports, open source intelligence and reports, Threat Assessments, Situation Reports, directives, mentioning or referring to nationwide protests and looting that took place between May 25 and June 1, 2020 that were sparked by the death while in police custody of George Floyd.

Exhibit F

3. Legal opinions, legal guidance, legal memos mentioning or referring to the nationwide protests and looting and rioting that started on May 25, 2020 following the death of George Floyd while in police custody.

4. Records mentioning or referring to "riots and protests and looting" that took place in the following cities relating to the death of George Floyd between May 25, 2020 and the date the search for responsive records is conducted.

You agreed in correspondence with the Acting FOIA Public Liaison on June 3, 2020, to limit the accounts searched for Item 4 to agency decision-makers, defined as GS-15 and Senior Executive Service employees, and political appointees.

Auburn Ala.	San Diego Calif.	Pensacola Fla.
Birmingham Ala.	San Francisco Calif.	Port Orange Fla.
Decatur Ala.	San Jose Calif.	Sarasota Fla.
Florence Ala.	Santa Ana Calif.	St. Augustine Fla.
Gadsden Ala.	Santa Barbara Calif.	St. Petersburg Fla.
Hoover Ala.	Santa Cruz Calif.	Tallahassee Fla.
Huntsville Ala.	Santa Maria Calif.	Tampa Fla.
Mobile Ala.	Seaside Calif.	West Palm Beach Fla.
Montgomery Ala.	Vallejo Calif.	Albany Ga.
Opelika Ala.	Visalia Calif.	Atlanta Ga.
Tuscaloosa Ala.	Boulder Colo.	Augusta Ga.
Anchorage Alaska	Colorado Springs Colo.	Columbus Ga.
Fairbanks Alaska	Denver Colo.	Gainesville Ga.
Juneau Alaska	Durango Colo.	LaGrange Ga.
Fort Smith Ariz.	Fort Collins Colo.	Rome Ga.
Jonesboro Ariz.	Pueblo Colo.	Savannah Ga.
Phoenix Ariz.	Hartford Conn.	Valdosta Ga.
Tucson Ariz.	New Britain Conn.	Warner Robins Ga.
Fayetteville Ark.	New Haven Conn.	Honolulu Hawaii
Little Rock Ark.	Norwalk Conn.	Kailua-Kona Hawaii
Bakersfield Calif.	Stamford Conn.	Maui Hawaii
Berkeley Calif.	Waterbury Conn.	Oahu Hawaii
Chico Calif.	District of Columbia	Boise Idaho
Eureka Calif.	Daytona Beach Fla.	Idaho Falls Idaho
Fontana Calif.	Fort Myers Fla.	Chicago Ill.
Fresno Calif.	Ft. Lauderdale Fla.	Evansville Ind.
Hayward Calif.	Gainesville Fla.	Fort Wayne Ind.
La Mesa Calif.	Jacksonville Fla.	Indianapolis Ind.
Los Angeles Calif.	Lake Worth Fla.	South Bend Ind.
Modesto Calif.	Lakeland Fla.	Davenport Iowa
Monterey Calif.	Miami Fla.	Des Moines Iowa
Oakland Calif.	Ocala Fla.	Sioux City Iowa
Oxnard Calif.	Orlando Fla.	Hutchinson Kan.
Sacramento Calif.	Panama City Fla.	Junction City Kan.

Manhattan Kan.  
Salina Kan.  
Topeka Kan.  
Wichita Kan.  
Bowling Green Ky.  
Hopkinsville Ky.  
Lexington Ky.  
Louisville Ky.  
Owensboro Ky.  
Lafayette La.  
Lake Charles La.  
Monroe La.  
New Iberia La.  
New Orleans La.  
Shreveport La.  
Portland Maine  
Baltimore Md.  
Hagerstown Md.  
Salisbury Md.  
Boston Mass.  
Hyannis Mass.  
New Bedford Mass.  
Springfield Mass.  
Worcester Mass.  
Ann Arbor Mich.  
Bay City Mich.  
Detroit Mich.  
Flint Mich.  
Grand Rapids Mich.  
Holland Mich.  
Kalamazoo Mich.  
Lansing Mich.  
Saginaw Mich.  
Duluth Minn.  
Minneapolis Minn.  
Rochester Minn.  
St. Cloud Minn.  
St. Paul Minn.  
Biloxi Miss.  
Hattiesburg Miss.  
Jackson Miss.  
Oxford Miss.  
Tupelo Miss.  
Cape Girardeau Mo.  
Columbia Mo.  
Joplin Mo.

Kansas City Mo.  
Springfield Mo.  
St. Louis Mo.  
Billings Mont.  
Bozeman Mont.  
Helena Mont.  
Missoula Mont.  
Grand Island Neb.  
Kearney Neb.  
Lincoln Neb.  
North Platte Neb.  
Omaha Neb.  
Las Vegas Nev.  
Manchester N.H.  
Camden N.J.  
Englewood N.J.  
Morristown N.J.  
Newark N.J.  
North Bergen N.J.  
Trenton N.J.  
Albuquerque N.M.  
Las Cruces N.M.  
Sante (*sic.*) Fe N.M.  
Albany N.Y.  
Brooklyn N.Y.  
Buffalo N.Y.  
Elmira N.Y.  
Harlem N.Y.  
Ithaca N.Y.  
Jamestown N.Y.  
Manhattan N.Y.  
New Paltz N.Y.  
Poughkeepsie N.Y.  
Queens N.Y.  
Rochester N.Y.  
Staten Island N.Y.  
Syracuse N.Y.  
Utica N.Y.  
Yonkers N.Y.  
Asheville N.C.  
Charlotte N.C.  
Durham N.C.  
Fayetteville N.C.  
Greensboro N.C.  
Greenville N.C.  
Jacksonville N.C.

Raleigh N.C.  
Rocky Mount N.C.  
Wilmington N.C.  
Winston-Salem N.C.  
Bismarck N.D.  
Fargo N.D.  
Minot N.D.  
Akron Ohio  
Cincinnati Ohio  
Cleveland Ohio  
Columbus Ohio  
Dayton Ohio  
Hamilton Ohio  
Sandusky Ohio  
Toledo Ohio  
Lawton Okla.  
Oklahoma City Okla.  
Tulsa Okla.  
Ashland Ore.  
Bend Ore.  
Portland Ore.  
Salem Ore.  
Allentown Pa.  
Bethlehem Pa.  
Harrisburg Pa.  
Lancaster Pa.  
Philadelphia Pa.  
Pittsburgh Pa.  
Scranton Pa.  
Wilkes-Barre Pa.  
Providence R.I.  
Beaufort S.C.  
Bluffton S.C.  
Charleston S.C.  
Columbia S.C.  
Greenville S.C.  
Myrtle Beach S.C.  
Spartanburg S.C.  
Summerville S.C.  
Rapid City S.D.  
Sioux City S.D.  
Clarksville Tenn.  
Jackson Tenn.  
Johnson City Tenn.  
Knoxville Tenn.  
Memphis Tenn.

Nashville Tenn.  
Abilene Texas  
Amarillo Texas  
Austin Texas  
Beaumont Texas  
College Station Texas  
Corpus Christi Texas  
Dallas Texas  
Fort Worth Texas  
Houston Texas  
Killeen Texas  
Lubbock Texas  
Odessa Texas  
Paris Texas

San Angelo Texas  
San Antonio Texas  
Tyler Texas  
Victoria Texas  
Ogden Utah  
Provo Utah  
Salt Lake City Utah  
St. George Utah  
Burlington Vt.  
Montpelier Vt.  
Blacksburg Va.  
Charlottesville Va.  
Lynchburg Va.  
Newport News Va.

Norfolk Va.  
Portsmouth Va.  
Richmond Va.  
Roanoke Va.  
Seattle Wash.  
Charleston W. Va.  
Fairmont W. Va.  
Huntington W. Va.  
Morgantown W. Va.  
Appleton Wis.  
Madison Wis.  
Milwaukee Wis.  
Cheyenne Wyo.  
Jackson Wyo.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Consistent with 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances under 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). As your request seeks documents that will require a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

Your request for expedited treatment is hereby granted.

You have requested a fee waiver. The DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.11(k) set forth six factors DHS must evaluate to determine whether the applicable legal standard for a fee waiver has been met: (1) Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government," (2) Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities, (3) Whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requester or a narrow segment of interested persons, (4) Whether the contribution to public understanding of government operations or activities will be "significant," (5) Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and (6) Whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requester is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

Upon review of the subject matter of your request, and an evaluation of the six factors identified above, DHS has determined that it will conditionally grant your request for a fee waiver. The fee waiver determination will be based upon a sampling of the responsive documents received from the various DHS program offices as a result of the searches conducted in response to your FOIA request. DHS will, pursuant to DHS FOIA regulations applicable to media requesters, process the first 100 pages free of charge. If upon review of these documents, DHS determines that the

disclosure of the information contained in those documents does not meet the factors permitting DHS to waive the fees, then DHS will at that time either deny your request for a fee waiver entirely, or will allow for a percentage reduction in the amount of the fees corresponding to the amount of relevant material found that meets the factors allowing for a fee waiver. In either case, DHS will promptly notify you of its final decision regarding your request for a fee waiver and provide you with the responsive records as required by applicable law.

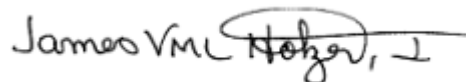
In the event that your fee waiver is denied, and you determine that you still want the records, provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS FOIA regulations as they apply to media requesters. As a media requester you will be charged 10 cents per page for duplication; the first 100 pages are free. In the event that your fee waiver is denied, we will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. This office will contact you before accruing any additional fees.

We have queried the appropriate component(s) of DHS for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the analysts in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2020-NPFO-00156**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: <https://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>, by using this FOIA request number. Status information is updated daily. Alternatively, you can download the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, the free app is available for all Apple and Android devices. With the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, you can submit FOIA requests or check the status of requests, access all of the content on the FOIA website, and receive updates anyplace, anytime.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 1-866-431-0486 or 202-343-1743.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "James VML Holzer, J." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Holzer  
Deputy Chief Privacy Officer (A)  
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer



June 5, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: jasonleopold@gmail.com

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Re: **2020-IAFO-00217**

Dear Mr. Leopold:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your June 1, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) for the following information:

1. Emails, memos, letters, directives, mentioning or referring to "Minneapolis riot," "Los Angeles riot," "Washington, DC riot," "protests and black lives matter," "protests and George Floyd," "protests and rioters and looters," "White House and protests," "Trump and tweet and shooting and looters," "protests and Minneapolis," "protests and Washington, DC," "protests and secret service," "protests and looting," "protests and ANTIFA," "protests and Boogaloo," "Big Igloo Bois and protests," "NYPD and Black Lives Matter and protests," "protests and white supremacists," "protests and Proud Boys," "protests and federal property and Federal Protective Service," "protests and National Guard," "protests and Santa Monica and Beverly Hills," "protests and riot," "Donald Trump and bunker and protests," "protests and social media," "George Floyd and Twitter and Facebook," "Black Lives Matter and Twitter and Facebook," Donald Trump and tweets and protests." Please be sure any correspondence includes emails exchanged with fusion centers and Joint Terrorism Task Forces and any eop.gov email address. **The timeframe for this request is May 25, 2020 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted.**
2. Intelligence Bulletins, PATRIOT reports, open source intelligence and reports, Threat Assessments, Situation Reports, directives, mentioning or referring to nationwide protests and looting that took place between May 25 and June 1, 2020 that were sparked by the death while in police custody of George Floyd.
3. Legal opinions, legal guidance, legal memos, mentioning or referring to the nationwide protests and looting and rioting that started on May 25, 2020 following the death of George Floyd.

4. Records mentioning or referring to "riots and protests and looting" that took place in the following cities relating to the death of George Floyd between May 25, 2020 and the date the search for responsive records is conducted: **(see attached list)**.

Your requests for expedited processing and a fee waiver have been granted.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Consistent with 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). DHS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

We are currently processing this request. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that we will respond to this request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with this request. You may contact the FOIA Requester Service Center for the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), as well as the Public Liaison, Brendan Henry for any further assistance.

Email: [I&AFOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV](mailto:I&AFOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV)  
Telephone: (202) 282-8826  
Refer to 2020-IAFO-00217

Sincerely,

*Priscilla Waters*

Priscilla Waters  
Assistant FOIA Officer



**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Program  
Communications Center  
245 Murray Lane, SW, Building T-5  
Washington, D.C. 20223

Date: June 4, 2020

BuzzFeed  
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File Number: 20200719

Dear Requester:

This letter is intended to acknowledge the receipt of your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on June 3, 2020, for information pertaining to 1. Emails, memos, letters, directives, mentioning or referring to "Minneapolis riot," "Los Angeles riot," "Washington, DC riot," "protests and black lives matter," "protests and George Floyd," "protests and rioters and looters," "White House and protests," "Trump and tweet and shooting and looters," "protests and Minneapolis," "protests and Washington, DC," "protests and secret service," "protests and looting," "protests and ANTIFA," "protests and Boogaloo," "Big Igloo Bois and protests," "NYPD and Black Lives Matter and protests," "protests and white supremacists," "protests and Proud Boys," "protests and federal property and Federal Protective Service," "protests and National Guard," "protests and Santa Monica and Beverly Hills," "protests and riot," "Donald Trump and bunker and protests," "protests and social media," "George Floyd and Twitter and Facebook," "Black Lives Matter and Twitter and Facebook," "Donald Trump and tweets and protests." Please be sure any correspondence includes emails exchanged with fusion centers and Joint Terrorism Task Forces and any eop.gov email address. The timeframe for this request is May 25, 2020 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted.

2. Intelligence Bulletins, PATRIOT reports, open source intelligence and reports, Threat Assessments, Situation Reports, directives, mentioning or referring to nationwide protests and looting that took place between May 25 and June 1, 2020 that were sparked by the death while in police custody of George Floyd.

3. Legal opinions, legal guidance, legal memos mentioning or referring to the nationwide protests and looting and rioting that started on May 25, 2020 following the death of George Floyd while in police custody.

4. Records mentioning or referring to "riots and protests and looting" that took place in the following cities relating to the death of George Floyd between May 25, 2020 and the date the search for responsive records is conducted:

Exhibit H



Auburn AL, Birmingham AL, Decatur AL, Florence AL, Gadsden AL, Hoover AL, Huntsville AL, Mobile AL, Montgomery AL, Opelika AL., Tuscaloosa AL, Anchorage AK, Fairbanks AK, Juneau AK, Fort Smith AZ, Jonesboro AZ, Phoenix AZ, Tucson AZ, Fayetteville AR, Little Rock AR, Bakersfield CA, Berkeley CA, Chico CA, Eureka CA, Fontana CA, Fresno CA, Hayward CA, La Mesa CA, Los Angeles CA, Modesto CA., Monterey CA, Oakland CA, Oxnard CA, Sacramento CA, San Diego CA, San Francisco CA, San Jose CA, Santa Ana CA, Santa Barbara CA, Santa Cruz CA, Santa Maria CA, Seaside CA, Vallejo CA, Visalia CA, Boulder CO, Colorado Springs CO, Denver CO, Durango CO, Fort Collins CO, Pueblo CO, Hartford CT, New Britain CT, New Haven CT, Norwalk CT, Stamford CT, Waterbury CT, District of Columbia, Daytona Beach FL, Fort Myers FL, Ft. Lauderdale FL, Gainesville FL, Jacksonville FL, Lake Worth FL, Lakeland FL, Miami FL, Ocala FL, Orlando FL, Panama City FL, Pensacola FL, Port Orange FL, Sarasota FL, St. Augustine FL, St. Petersburg FL, Tallahassee FL, Tampa FL, West Palm Beach FL, Albany GA, Atlanta GA, Augusta GA, Columbus GA, Gainesville GA, LaGrange GA, Rome GA, Savannah GA, Valdosta GA, Warner Robins GA, Honolulu HI, Kailua-Kona HI, Maui HI, Oahu HI, Boise ID, Idaho Falls ID, Chicago IL, Evansville IN, Fort Wayne IN, Indianapolis IN, South Bend IN, Davenport IA, Des Moines IA, Sioux City IA, Hutchinson KS, Junction City KS, Manhattan KS, Salina KS, Topeka KS, Wichita KS, Bowling Green KY, Hopkinsville KY, Lexington KY, Louisville KY, Owensboro KY, Lafayette LA, Lake Charles La, Monroe LA, New Iberia LA, New Orleans LA, Shreveport LA, Portland ME, Baltimore MD, Hagerstown MD, Salisbury MD, Boston MS, Hyannis MA, New Bedford MA, Springfield MA, Worcester MA, Ann Arbor MI, Bay City MI, Detroit MI, Flint MI, Grand Rapids MI, Holland MI, Kalamazoo MI, Lansing MI, Saginaw MI, Duluth MN, Minneapolis MN, Rochester MN, St. Cloud MN, St. Paul MN, Biloxi MS, Hattiesburg MS, Jackson MS, Oxford MS, Tupelo MS, Cape Girardeau Mo., Columbia Mo., Joplin MO, Kansas City MO, Springfield MO, St. Louis MO, Billings MT, Bozeman MT, Helena MT, Missoula MT, Grand Island NB, Kearney NB, Lincoln NB, North Platte NB, Omaha NB, Las Vegas NV, Manchester NH, Camden NJ, Englewood NJ, Morristown NJ, Newark NJ, North Bergen NJ, Trenton NJ, Albuquerque NM, Las Cruces NM, Sante Fe NM, Albany NY, Brooklyn NY, Buffalo NY, Elmira NY, Harlem NY, Ithaca NY, Jamestown NY, Manhattan NY, New Paltz NY, Poughkeepsie NY, Queens NY, Rochester NY, Staten Island NY, Syracuse NY, Utica NY, Yonkers NY, Asheville NC, Charlotte NC, Durham NC, Fayetteville NC, Greensboro NC, Greenville NC, Jacksonville NC, Raleigh NC, Rocky Mount NC, Wilmington NC, Winston-Salem NC, Bismarck ND, Fargo ND, Minot ND, Akron OH, Cincinnati OH, Cleveland OH, Columbus OH, Dayton OH, Hamilton OH, Sandusky OH, Toledo OH, Lawton OK, Oklahoma City OK, Tulsa OK, Ashland OR, Bend OR, Portland OR, Salem OR, Allentown PA, Bethlehem PA, Harrisburg PA, Lancaster PA, Philadelphia PA, Pittsburgh PA, Scranton PA, Wilkes-Barre PA, Providence RI, Beaufort SC, Bluffton SC, Charleston SC, Columbia SC, Greenville SC, Myrtle Beach SC, Spartanburg SC, Summerville SC, Rapid City SD, Sioux City SD, Clarksville TN, Jackson TN, Johnson City TN, Knoxville TN, Memphis TN, Nashville TN, Abilene TX, Amarillo TX, Austin TX, Beaumont TX, College Station TX, Corpus Christi TX, Dallas TX, Fort Worth TX, Houston TX, Killeen TX, Lubbock TX, Odessa TX, Paris TX, San Angelo TX, San Antonio TX, Tyler TX, Victoria TX, Ogden UT, Provo UT, Salt Lake City UT, St. George UT, Burlington VT, Montpelier VT, Blacksburg VA, Charlottesville VA, Lynchburg VA, Newport News VA, Norfolk VA, Portsmouth VA, Richmond VA., Roanoke VA, Seattle WA, Charleston WV,

Your request, for expedited treatment, has been granted.

Under the DHS/FOIA regulation, 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.5, expedited processing of a FOIA request is warranted if the request involves “circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual” ((d)(1)(i)), or “an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information” ((d)(1)(ii)). Requesters that seek expedited processing must submit a statement explaining, in detail, the basis for the request. Additionally, FOIA regulation 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.5(d)(3), requires that statements be certified, by the requester, to be “true and correct to the best of that person’s knowledge and belief.”

Your request has been granted because you have demonstrated a need, under DHS/FOIA regulation 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.5(d)(1)(i) or 5.5(d)(1) (ii), for expedited processing.

As it pertains to your request for a fee waiver, it will be held in abeyance pending the quantification of responsive records. The FOIA regulations, Title 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.11(k)(2)(3), set forth six factors to examine when determining whether the applicable legal standard for a fee waiver has been met. We will consider these factors in our evaluation of your request for a fee waiver:

- 1) Whether the subject of the requested records concerns “the operations or activities of the government;”
- 2) Whether the disclosure is “likely to contribute” to an understanding of government operations or activities;
- 3) Whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requestor or a narrow segment of interested persons;
- 4) Whether the contribution of public understanding of government operations or activities will be “significant;”
- 5) Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and
- 6) Whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requestor is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor.

If any responsive records are located, we will consider these factors in our evaluation of your request for a fee waiver. In the event that your fee waiver is denied, we shall charge you for the records in accordance with Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to “media” requesters. The first 100 pages of duplication are free of charge. As a “media” requester, you will be charged .10 cents a page for the duplication of each additional page.

Furthermore, the submission of your request is viewed as an agreement, by you, to pay duplication costs up to \$25.00. A search for files responsive to your request is being conducted. The appropriate components of the Secret Service are being queried for responsive documents. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for a disclosure determination. You will be contacted before any additional fees are accrued.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R, Chapter I, Part 5, the Service processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt.

Your request has been assigned FOIA File No. 20200719. We solicit your cooperation and assure you that the search will be conducted as expeditiously as possible. To check the status of your FOIA request, please contact this office at (202) 406-6370.

Please use the file number indicated above in all future correspondence with this office.

Thank you,

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Email: [FOIA@USSS.DHS.GOV](mailto:FOIA@USSS.DHS.GOV)

Mr. Jason Leopold

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06/10/2020

CBP-2020-058776

Dear Mr. Jason Leopold:

This notice acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) received on 06/09/2020 all documents related to the nationwide protests, looting, and rioting in Minneapolis, Minnesota following the death of George Floyd while in police custody on May 25, 2020.

Please use the following unique FOIA tracking number CBP-2020-058776 to track the status of your request. If you have not already done so, you must create a FOIAonline account at <https://foiaonline.gov>. This is the only method available to check the status of your pending FOIA request.

Provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS FOIA regulations outlined on the DHS website, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/11/22/2016-28095/freedom-of-information-act-regulations>. By submitting your request, you have agreed to pay up to \$25.00 in applicable processing fees, if any fees associated with your request exceed this amount, CBP shall contact you; however, the first 100 pages are free.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Consistent with 6 C.F.R. Part 5 §5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, CBP processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although CBP's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 §5.5(c). [As your request seeks documents that will require a thorough and wide-ranging search, CBP will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 §5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.] **OR** [As your request seeks a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records, CBP will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 §5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.] **OR** [As the subject matter of your request is of substantial interest to two or more components of CBP or of substantial interest to another agency, we will need to consult with those entities before we issue a final response. Due to these unusual circumstances, CBP will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 §5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.]

CBP's FOIA Division is working hard to reduce the amount of time necessary to respond to FOIA requests. We truly appreciate your continued patience.

For additional information please consult CBP FOIA website please click on [FOIA Act Resources](https://www.cbp.gov/site-policy-notice/foia) or visit <http://www.cbp.gov/site-policy-notice/foia>.

Exhibit I

Sincerely,

U.S. Customs and Border Protection



Jason Leopold &lt;jasonleopold@gmail.com&gt;

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**FOIA Expedited Processing Disposition Reached for CBP-2020-058776**

1 message

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**admin@foiaonline.gov** <admin@foiaonline.gov>  
To: jasonleopold@gmail.com

Wed, Jun 10, 2020 at 6:35 PM

Your request for Expedited Processing for the FOIA request CBP-2020-058776 has been denied. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Request Created on: 06/09/2020
- Request Description: See attached
- Expedited Processing Original Justification: See attached
- Expedited Processing Disposition Reason: Does not meet requirements per DHS Regulations.

**Exhibit J**