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Re: FOIA-2020-01688  
FOIA-2020-01689  
FOIA-2020-01690  
FOIA-2020-01691  
DRH:VAV:GMG

Dear Patrick Carome:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests dated July 1, 2020 and received in this Office on July 13, 2020, in which you requested records from the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, and Legal Policy pertaining to the 2020 Census and use of citizenship status data collected pursuant to Executive Order 13880, dating from July 27, 2019. Please be advised that due to necessary operational changes as a result of the national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, there may be some delay in the processing of your requests.

Below are the tracking numbers associated with the requests you submitted:

FOIA-2020-01688	Office of the Attorney General
FOIA-2020-01689	Office of the Deputy Attorney General
FOIA-2020-01690	Office of the Associate Attorney General
FOIA-2020-01691	Office of Legal Policy

You have requested expedited processing of your requests pursuant to the Department's standard permitting expedition for requests involving "[a]n urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information." See 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(ii) (2018). Based on the information you have provided, I have determined that your request for expedited processing under this standard should be denied. This Office cannot identify a particular urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity beyond the public's right to know about government activities generally.

You have also requested expedited processing of your requests pursuant to the Department's standard involving "[a] matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence." See 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(iv) (2018). Pursuant to Department policy, we directed your request to the Director of Public Affairs, who makes the decision whether to grant or deny expedited processing under this standard. See *id.* § 16.5(e)(2). The Director has determined

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that your request for expedited processing should be denied. Please be advised that, although your requests for expedited processing has been denied, it has been assigned to an analyst in this Office and our processing of it has been initiated.

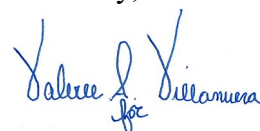
To the extent that your requests require a search in another Office, consultations with other Department components or another agency, and/or involves a voluminous amount of material, your request falls within “unusual circumstances.” See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii) (2012 & Supp. V 2017). Accordingly, we will need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. For your information, we use multiple tracks to process requests, but within those tracks we work in an agile manner, and the time needed to complete our work on your request will necessarily depend on a variety of factors, including the complexity of our records search, the volume and complexity of any material located, and the order of receipt of your requests. At this time we have assigned your requests to the complex track. In an effort to speed up our process, you may wish to narrow the scope of your requests to limit the number of potentially responsive records so that it can be placed in a different processing track. You can also agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located, or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options. Any decision with regard to the application of fees will be made only after we determine whether fees will be implicated for your requests.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your requests, you may contact the analyst handing your request, Georgianna Gilbeaux, by telephone at the above number or you may write to them at the above address. You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Valeree Villanueva, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your requests at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your requests for expedited processing, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your requests. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,



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