

# **EXHIBIT 14**

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April 3, 2020

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**VIA EMAIL AND UPS OVERNIGHT**

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
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Washington, D.C. 20528-0655

***Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal; FOIA Request, 2019-HQFO-00679***

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. and Huawei Device USA Inc. (collectively, “Huawei”). This is an appeal from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (“DHS”) failure to respond in a timely manner to our Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) Request (2019-HQFO-00679) originally filed on Huawei’s behalf on May 1, 2019. A copy of our original FOIA Request is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In response to concerns expressed by DHS that the requests were overly broad, we submitted proposed search terms to help DHS prioritize the production of high-priority documents (Exhibit B). In spite of this, DHS has not provided an adequate response to our FOIA Request within the 20 business days required under FOIA, or at all. This appeal is filed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6) and 6 C.F.R. § 5.8 to redress that failure.

The FOIA Request pertains to a matter of significant public interest. The indictment issued in *United States v. Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., et al.*, 18-CR-457 (S-2) (AMD) (the “EDNY Indictment”), the arrest of Meng Wanzhou, and 5G technology and related competition have been the subjects of widespread and exceptional media interest. Further, the information sought by the FOIA Request involves questions about the government’s integrity that affect public confidence, as well as matters of general public and economic interest.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

On May 1, 2019, Huawei submitted the FOIA Request to DHS. *See* Exhibit A. During a telephone conversation on May 7, 2019, the assigned DHS FOIA officer, who said he could not give his name, requested a list of custodians, terms, and date ranges in order to help locate records responsive to Huawei’s request. On June 6, 2019, in response to that request, we provided search terms, custodians, and date ranges to DHS. *See* Exhibit B.

We subsequently followed up with DHS about our FOIA Request four times between June 20, 2019 and September 6, 2019, with no response whatsoever from the agency. *See* Exhibits C, D, E, F.

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DHS finally responded on September 11, 2019 via email, writing, “records have been found and will be reviewed for responsiveness to your FOIA request. In terms of completion, we can only provide estimates. At this time, the completion of your request can take anywhere from 3-6 months.” *See* Exhibit G.

On October 17, 2019, we contacted DHS, noting that it had been nearly six months since we submitted our FOIA Request, and requesting an update regarding the timeline for DHS’s already-overdue production. *See* Exhibit H. On November 1, 2019, DHS responded, “[p]lease know that we tried to provide you with our best estimate based on our current resources and the expected volume and complexity of the work needed to respond to the requests in our processing queue. At this time, we hope to be able to complete work on your request and send you a response before the end of this calendar year (December 2019).” *See* Exhibit I.

To date, we have not received any further updates from DHS, nor have we received any substantive response to our FOIA Request.

### **BASIS OF APPEAL**

Under 5 U.S.C. § 552, an agency must make a determination within 20 business days of receiving the FOIA request, or 30 business days in the case of “unusual circumstances.” To make a determination, an agency must at least: (i) gather and review documents; (ii) determine and communicate the scope of the documents it intends to produce and withhold and the reasons for withholding any documents; and (iii) inform the requester that it can appeal whatever portion of the determination is adverse. *Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington v. Fed. Election Comm’n*, 711 F.3d 180, 189 (D.C. Cir. 2013). No such determination has been made with respect to our FOIA Request—even though it has been 11 months since it was submitted. Where, as here, an agency fails to make a timely determination in response to a FOIA request, the requesting party may file an administrative appeal.

Given the lapse of time, we ask that DHS be directed to fulfill the FOIA Request forthwith.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this appeal. I am available via telephone at (202) 637-6363, or via email at [LHartz@jenner.com](mailto:LHartz@jenner.com).

Sincerely,

/Lauren Hartz/  
Lauren Hartz

*Enclosures*

# **EXHIBIT A**

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May 1, 2019

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VIA EMAIL

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The Privacy Office  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
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Washington, D.C. 20528-0655

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, *et seq.*, I write on behalf of Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., and Huawei Device USA Inc. to request the following from U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

- All communications with the White House—including the President and any White House officials—pertaining to the Department of Justice’s investigation or prosecution of Huawei or Meng Wanzhou, the allegations against Huawei and Ms. Meng in the indictment issued in *United States v. Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., et al.*, 18-CR-457 (S-2) (AMD) in the Eastern District of New York (the “EDNY Indictment”), the United States-China trade relationship, or 5G technology or competition (with reference to Huawei), dated on or between January 1, 2017 and the present.
- All materials and communications pertaining to the United States’ investigation or prosecution of Huawei or Meng Wanzhou or the allegations against Huawei and Ms. Meng in the EDNY Indictment, dated on or between January 1, 2017 and the present.
- All communications with any Member(s) of Congress or their staff, including but not limited to Senator Tom Cotton, Senator Marco Rubio, Congressman Michael Conaway, or Senator James Risch, pertaining to Huawei or Meng Wanzhou, dated on or between January 1, 2017 and the present.
- All materials and communications pertaining to the detention of a shipment of telecommunications equipment originating with Huawei Enterprise USA Inc. and bound

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for Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. in China, in or around Anchorage, Alaska on or around September 27, 2017, dated on or between July 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018.

- All materials and communications pertaining to Attorney General Sessions's China Initiative announced on November 1, 2018, and any planning stages or review of the Initiative, including materials and communications pertaining to the legal basis for or legality of the Initiative, dated on or between January 1, 2018 and the present. *See* Attorney General Jeff Session[s]'s China Initiative Fact Sheet (Nov. 1, 2018), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/file/1107256/download>.
- All communications with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canada Border Services Agency, or any other Canadian authorities or agencies that participated in the investigation or arrest of Meng Wanzhou, dated on or between January 1, 2018 and the present.

The term "materials" as used in these FOIA requests includes, but is not limited to, papers, instruments, data, documents, records, reports, memoranda, letters, agreements, employee notes, meeting notes, transcripts, and other documentary evidence, whether in paper form or stored on audiotape, videotape, computer, electronic, magnetic, or any other media. The term "communications" as used in these FOIA requests includes, but is not limited to, correspondence, emails, letters, faxes, and messages of any kind, including text, voicemail, video, or other electronic messages.

References to "Huawei" as used in these FOIA requests includes Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.; Huawei Device USA Inc.; Huawei Device Co., Ltd.; FutureWei Technologies, Inc.; HiSilicon Technologies Co., Ltd.; and any U.S.-based subsidiaries or affiliates of the same.

This is a commercial-use request. I agree on behalf of Huawei to pay all reasonable search, review, and reproduction costs incurred in connection with the processing of this request, but please contact me in the event that these costs will exceed \$1,000 so I can better understand the nature of the costs.

I request expedited processing of this request on the ground that the EDNY Indictment, the arrest of Ms. Meng, the United States-China trade relationship, and 5G technology and competition have been the subjects of widespread and exceptional media interest, and the information sought by this request involves possible questions about the government's integrity that affect public confidence, as well as matters of general public and economic interest. I further request that a copy of the documents described above be provided by June 1, 2019, or alternatively, that you please contact me if you anticipate this request's processing extending beyond that date.

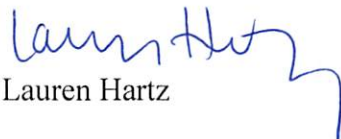
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Please send a copy of the requested documents to LHartz@Jenner.com where possible, and otherwise to Lauren Hartz, Jenner & Block LLP, 1099 New York Ave., NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20001-4412.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Hartz". The signature is cursive and includes a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Lauren Hartz

# **EXHIBIT B**



**From:** Smith, Corinne M.  
**To:** ["foia@hq.dhs.gov"](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov)  
**Cc:** [Hartz, Lauren J.](#); [Johnson, Katherine B.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment  
**Date:** Thursday, June 06, 2019 2:45:00 PM

Good Afternoon,

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks very much,

Corey Smith

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	<b>Tier 2 Terms</b>		
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	"Royal Canadian Mounted Police" or RCMP or Mounties or "Canada Border Services Agency" or CBSA or "justice.gc.ca" or "rcmp-grc.gc.ca" or "cbasc.gc.ca" or "cbsa-asfc.gc.ca"	January 1, 2018 and the present	
	<u>Office of Policy</u> Assistant Secretary for Policy Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Chief of Staff Assistant Secretary for Border, Immigration and Trade Policy Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade Policy, Foreign Investment, and Transport Security Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Chief Diplomatic Officer Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Engagement		
	<u>Additional Custodian</u> Christopher Krebs, Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency -	[Note: Please search for these terms in email domains as well as other text.]	

**From:** [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov) [<mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 03, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** Hartz, Lauren J. <[LHartz@jenner.com](mailto:LHartz@jenner.com)>  
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**Cc:** Hartz, Lauren J.; Johnson, Katherine B.  
**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 1:04:00 PM

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Please note that my colleague Katie Johnson (copied here) will be taking over communications regarding this request soon, as I begin parental leave.

Thank you,

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**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 10:28 PM  
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<b>Tier 2 Terms</b>		
<u>Office of Policy</u> Assistant Secretary for Policy Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Chief of Staff	(China or Beijing) & (“trade talks” or “trade negotiations” or “trade discussions” or “trade war”)	January 1, 2017 and the present
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**Cc:** Hartz, Lauren J.  
**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment

External Email – Exercise Caution  
Good afternoon,

Thank you for following up with us regarding the status of your request. We appreciate your continued patience as your request moves through the queue of our backlogged requests.

We apologize that we were not able to process your request by our initial estimated date of completion. Please know that we tried to provide you with our best estimate based on our current resources and the expected volume and complexity of the work needed to respond to the requests in our processing queue. At this time, we hope to be able to complete work on your request and send you a response before the end of this calendar year (December 2019).

While we understand that this is not the response you hoped for, we hope that it is useful information. Please let us know if you need any additional assistance with this request.

Kind regards,

**The Privacy Office**

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**From:** Johnson, Katherine B.  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 4:19 PM  
**To:** FOIA ; Roberts, Tessa J.G. ; Smith, Corinne M.  
**Cc:** Hartz, Lauren J.  
**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment

Good afternoon,

I am writing to again follow up on the status of our request. In response to our last request for an update the Privacy Office said that it could take 3-6 months to complete a response to a FOIA request. Our request was originally submitted on May 1, 2019, so in two weeks it will have been six months since we originally filed our request.

We would like know when we can expect to receive the results.

Best regards,

Katie Johnson

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**From:** FOIA [mailto:FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:49 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Tessa J.G. ; Smith, Corinne M. ; FOIA  
**Cc:** Hartz, Lauren J. ; Johnson, Katherine B.  
**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment

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Good afternoon Ms. Roberts,

Thank you for contacting the DHS Privacy Office. Currently, records have been found and will be reviewed for responsiveness to your FOIA request. In terms of completion, we can only provide estimates. At this time, the completion of your request can take anywhere from 3-6 months. However, we will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner. If additional information is needed, we will reach out to you directly.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Roberts, Tessa J.G. <[TRoberts@jenner.com](mailto:TRoberts@jenner.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 6, 2019 1:32 PM  
**To:** Smith, Corinne M. <[CSmith@jenner.com](mailto:CSmith@jenner.com)>; FOIA <[FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV](mailto:FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV)>

**Cc:** Hartz, Lauren J. <[LHartz@jenner.com](mailto:LHartz@jenner.com)>; Johnson, Katherine B. <[KBJohnson@jenner.com](mailto:KBJohnson@jenner.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to follow up on the status of our request. We provided search terms on June 6, 2019, and would like know when we can expect to receive the results.

Best regards,  
Tessa Roberts

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**From:** Roberts, Tessa J.G.  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 12:27 PM  
**To:** Smith, Corinne M. <[CSmith@jenner.com](mailto:CSmith@jenner.com)>; 'foia@hq.dhs.gov' <[foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hartz, Lauren J. <[LHartz@jenner.com](mailto:LHartz@jenner.com)>; Johnson, Katherine B. <[KBJohnson@jenner.com](mailto:KBJohnson@jenner.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to follow up on the status of our request. We provided search terms on June 6, 2019, and would like know when we can expect to receive the results.

Best regards,  
Tessa Roberts

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**From:** Roberts, Tessa J.G.  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 10:28 PM  
**To:** Smith, Corinne M. <[CSmith@jenner.com](mailto:CSmith@jenner.com)>; 'foia@hq.dhs.gov' <[foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hartz, Lauren J. <[LHartz@jenner.com](mailto:LHartz@jenner.com)>; Johnson, Katherine B. <[KBJohnson@jenner.com](mailto:KBJohnson@jenner.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment

Good evening,

I'm writing to follow up regarding the below. I'll be handling this request while Corey is on leave. Please let me know if you have any questions about these proposed terms or if it would be helpful to discuss further.

Thanks,

Tessa Roberts

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**From:** Smith, Corinne M.  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 1:04 PM  
**To:** 'foia@hq.dhs.gov' <[foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hartz, Lauren J. <[LHartz@jenner.com](mailto:LHartz@jenner.com)>; Johnson, Katherine B. <[KBJohnson@jenner.com](mailto:KBJohnson@jenner.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment

Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to follow up regarding the below. Please let me know if you have any questions about these proposed terms or if it would be helpful to discuss further.

Please note that my colleague Katie Johnson (copied here) will be taking over communications regarding this request soon, as I begin parental leave.

Thank you,

Corey Smith

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**From:** Smith, Corinne M.

**Sent:** Thursday, June 06, 2019 2:46 PM

**To:** 'foia@hq.dhs.gov' <[foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov)>

**Cc:** Hartz, Lauren J. <[LHartz@jenner.com](mailto:LHartz@jenner.com)>; Johnson, Katherine B. <[KBJohnson@jenner.com](mailto:KBJohnson@jenner.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to follow up on a phone conversation I had with the FOIA Officer assigned to this FOIA Request, 2019-HQFO-00679, on May 7. Per that discussion, I am including below a list of custodians, terms, and date ranges for locating records responsive to this request. As you'll see, we've organized the terms into tiers. We propose that the "Tier 1" terms be prioritized ahead of the "Tier 2" terms. My hope is that we can keep in touch regarding what each tier of terms yields as you work through these.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks very much,

Corey Smith

Custodians	Terms	Timeframe(s) – on or between the following dates
<p><u>Office of the Secretary</u>  Secretary of DHS  Counselor to the Secretary  Senior Counselor  Counselor, Office of the Secretary  Deputy Secretary of DHS  Chief of Staff  White House Liaison  Deputy White House Liaison  Counselor, Office of the Chief of Staff  Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs  Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs (Senate Liaison)  Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs (House Liaison)  Director of Legislative Affairs</p> <p><u>Office of Policy</u>  Assistant Secretary for Policy  Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy  Chief of Staff  Assistant Secretary for Border, Immigration and Trade Policy  Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade Policy, Foreign Investment, and Transport Security  Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Chief Diplomatic Officer  Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Engagement</p> <p><u>Additional Custodian</u>  Christopher Krebs, Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency</p>	<b>Tier 1 Terms</b>	
	Huawei or FutureWei or HiSilicon	January 1, 2017 and the present
	Meng & (Wanzhou or Sabrina or Cathy)	January 1, 2017 and the present
	“China Initiative” & (“Attorney General” or Sessions or DOJ or Justice)	January 1, 2018 and the present
	“Constable Yep” or “Cst. Yep” or “Winston Yep”	January 1, 2018 and the present
	<b>Tier 2 Terms</b>	
	(China or Beijing) & (“trade talks” or “trade negotiations” or “trade discussions” or “trade war”)	January 1, 2017 and the present
	“Royal Canadian Mounted Police” or RCMP or Mounties or “Canada Border Services Agency” or CBSA or “justice.gc.ca” or “rcmp-grc.gc.ca” or “cbcs.gc.ca” or “cbca-asfc.gc.ca”	January 1, 2018 and the present



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**From:** [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov) [<mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 03, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** Hartz, Lauren J. <[LHartz@jenner.com](mailto:LHartz@jenner.com)>  
**Subject:** Department of Homeland Security FOIA 2019-HQFO-00679 Acknowledgment

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Good Afternoon,

Attached is our acknowledgment of your DHS FOIA request. If you would like to contact this office again concerning your request, please provide the DHS reference number. This will enable us to quickly retrieve the information you are seeking and reduce our response time. This office can be reached at 866-431-0486.

Regards,

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