

EXHIBIT 27



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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RE: FOIA Appeal 2019-05-012A

Dear Ms. Hartz:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal dated December 16, 2019, challenging the amount of time taken by the Department of the Treasury ("Treasury"), Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") to respond to your May 1, 2019 FOIA request. OFAC has not yet responded to your request.

Your May 1, 2019 FOIA request sought records related to the indictment issued in the Eastern District of New York against Huawei and Meng Wanzhou, and other specified records.

Treasury's FOIA regulations, 31 C.F.R. §§ 1.4(h) and 1.6, set forth the bases for a FOIA requester to file an administrative appeal of a Treasury initial FOIA determination. The absence of a response within the time limits specified in the FOIA is not a basis for filing an administrative appeal.

As OFAC has not yet issued a determination in response to your request as of the date of your appeal, your appeal is premature. Accordingly, your administrative appeal will be closed as unripe. You will be advised of your administrative appeal rights upon the issuance of a final agency determination from OFAC.

Judicial review of this decision is available in the district court of the United States in the district in which you reside or have a principal place of business, in which the agency records are situated, or in the District of Columbia, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

Charles M. Steele
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