## **EXHIBIT 28**



## **U.S. Department of Justice**

National Security Division

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Re: FOIA/PA #19-229

Dear Ms. Hartz:

This is in reference to your email dated May 1, 2017 pertaining to 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 50 technology or competition (with reference to Huawei), dated on or between January 1, 2017 and the present. - All communications with any other Department of Justice component or federal agency pertaining to the United States' investigation or prosecution of Huawei or Meng Wanzhou or the allegations 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 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/1 107256/download. - All communications with representatives or employees of telecommunications company Ericsson, or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, or telecommunications company Nokia Corporation, or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, pertaining to Huawei or Meng Wanzhou, the United States' investigation or prosecution of Huawei or Ms. Meng, the allegations in the EDNY Indictment, or any United States policy pertaining to 5G technology, dated on or between August 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013, or on or between January 1, 2017 and the present. - All communications with representatives or employees of Cisco Systems, Inc.; Motorola Solutions, Inc.; Motorola Mobility LLC; Nortel Networks Corp.; T-Mobile, Inc.; Quintel Technology Ltd.; InterDigital, Inc.; Lemko Corp.; Akhan Semiconductor Inc.; Qualcomm Incorporated; AT&T Inc.; HSBC Bank USA, N.A.; HSBC Holdings PLC; or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates, pertaining to Huawei or Meng Wanzhou, the United States' investigation or prosecution of Huawei or Ms. Meng, the allegations in the EDNY Indictment, or any United States policy pertaining to 5G technology, dated on or between January 1, 2017 and the present. - All communications with Reuters journalists including Babak Dehghanpisheh, Karen Freifeld, Marcus George, Julie Gordon, Grace Li, James

Pomfret, Steve Stecklow, or Chyen Yee Lee, pertaining to Huawei or Meng Wanzhou, including how any disclosures from HSBC or its federally appointed Corporate Compliance Monitor, Michael Cherkasky, contributed to the case against Huawei or Ms. Meng, dated on or between August 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013, or on or between October 1, 2018 and the present. - All materials and communications pertaining to the meeting(s) reportedly held between Members of Congress-including Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger, Congressman Devin Nunes, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, and Congressman Adam Schiff-and senior officials of Huawei, including Ren Zhengfei, in or around Hong Kong in May 2012. See House Permanent Select Comm. Intelligence, Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE 9 (Oct. 8, 2012), <u>https://www.hsdl.org/?abstract&did=722516</u>. - 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. Our FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act request on May 1, 2017.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Any records that the National Security Division may have in response to your request are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Access to the records which you are seeking has been denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552: (b)(7)(A), which permits the withholding of records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the information could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. The citation of the above exemption is not to be construed as the only exemption which may be available under the Freedom of Information Act.

You may contact our Government Information Specialist, Arnetta Mallory, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at:

U.S. Department of Justice Records and FOIA Unit 3 Constitution Square 175 N Street N.E. 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20530 (202) 233-2639

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If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

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, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

Government Information Specialist

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