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VIA E-mail

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Re: Request Number: EOUSA-2025-001345
Subject of Request: Whistleblower disclosures and investigations, etc.

Dear DAVID MEDEIROS:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request in the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA). Your request has been assigned tracking number EOUSA-2025-001345. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence with this Office.

The records you seek require a search in one or more field offices and potentially involves voluminous records and/or requires consultation with another agency/component with a substantial interest in the subject-matter and therefore falls within "unusual circumstances." *See* 5 U.S.C.S § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). Accordingly, we are extending the time limit to respond to our request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. The time needed to process your request will necessarily depend on the complexity of our records search and on the volume and complexity of any records located. For your information, this Office assigns incoming requests to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Each request is then handled on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Simple requests usually receive a response in approximately 30 business days, whereas complex requests necessarily take longer. At this time, your request has been assigned to the complex track.

Under FOIA and Department of Justice regulations you may be required to pay certain costs associated with processing your request, including, searching for, reviewing, and duplicating requested records. Consequently, you may incur those costs, unless you have requested and been granted a waiver or reduction in fees. If you have requested a fee waiver, we have not yet made a decision on your request. We will do so after we determine whether the processing of your request will result in any assessable fees. In most instances, the first 100 pages to duplicate and the first two hours to search for records responsive to your request, will be

provided to you free of charge. If after making those allowances, we determine that the cost to process your request will amount to more than $25.00, we will notify you in writing at a later date.[1] Requests that are specific, concrete and of limited scope (in time and/or subject matter) generally enable us to respond to you more quickly and possibly assess lower fees. To avoid delay and reduce any potential fees, we respectfully request that you modify and narrow the scope of your request (*See* Attachment).

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. The contact information for EOUSA is 175 N Street, NE, Suite 5.400, Washington, DC 20530; telephone at 202-252-6020. 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,

Kevin Krebs
Assistant Director

Attachment

[1] Search and review fees by professional personnel are charged at $40 per hour and duplication fees are assessed at five cents per page.

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Requester: DAVID MEDEIROS Request No. EOUSA-2025-001345

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____ I wish to narrow my request in an attempt to obtain a faster response and/or reduce fees as follows:

____ I understand that I am entitled to the first 100 pages and two hours of search time for free. Please do not search beyond two hours, nor duplicate beyond 100 pages.

____ I agree to pay up to the following amount for duplication and search time: $_____. **I understand that this payment is required even if no documents are located or released to me**. In the event that documents are located and released to me, I understand that I may be charged duplication fees in addition to search fees.

____I wish to withdraw my request.

_____ _____

Signature Date

Please return to:
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FOIA/PA
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Washington, DC 20530