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Re: Appeal Nos. AP-2015-05417<sup>1</sup> Request Nos. CRM-300466002<sup>2</sup> MWH:JNW

## VIA: E-Mail

Dear Dr. Long:

You appealed from the actions of the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice on your Freedom of Information Act requests for access to the Criminal Division's FOIA Log from October 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015. I note that you have limited your appeal to the adequacy of the Criminal Division's search and the format in which the responsive records were provided.

After carefully considering your appeals, and as a result of discussions between the Criminal Division personnel and this Office, I am remanding your requests to the Criminal Division for a further search for additional responsive records. If the Criminal Division locates additional releasable records, it will send them to you directly, subject to any applicable fees. You may appeal any future adverse determinations made by the Criminal Division. If you would like to inquire about the status of this remand, please contact the Criminal Division directly.

Although you requested that the Criminal Division provide responsive records in a "csv file" or "other equivalent machine-readable text format," please be advised that this Office has confirmed that the Criminal Division is unable to readily reproduce the responsive records in the format you requested.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeals were assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please be advised that this response also adjudicated the following additional Appeal Nos.: AP-2015-05418, AP-2015-05465, AP-2015-05466, and AP-2015-05467.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This letter also pertains to Criminal Division requests numbers CRM-300440261, CRM-300473766, CRM-300485431, and CRM-300493484.

analyzed your appeals, your underlying requests, and the actions of the Criminal Division in response to your requests.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeals, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. 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, 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,

9/14/2015

Matthew Hurd, Senior Attorney, for Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff Signed by: Hurd, Matthew (OIP)