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Case No.: F-2017-14346

Caroline M. DeCell
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Dear Ms. DeCell:

I refer you to our letter dated June 28, 2018, regarding the release of material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. One document sent to another U.S. Government agency for direct reply must be denied in full. The document is withheld in full under FOIA Exemptions 1 and 3, 5 U.S.C §§ 552(b)(1) and (b)(3). The Exemption 3 statute is Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1). Another document sent to a U.S. Government agency for direct reply can be released in full. All released material is enclosed.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant U.S. Attorney, Ellen Blain at (202) 637-2743 or ellen.blain@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the associated case number, F-2017-14346, and the civil action number, 1:17-cv-07572, in all communications regarding this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric F. Stein" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated