



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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Re: FOIA/PA #17-227

Dear Mr. Ehling:

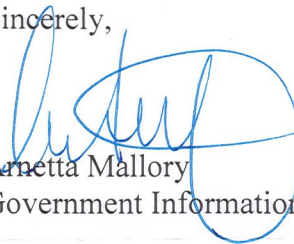
This is in reference to your letter dated May 25, 2017 to the Department of Justice Mail Referral Unit pertaining the following: 1. Any and all DOJ policies and practices governing the use of law enforcement tools including subpoenas, court orders, and search warrants, to obtain information or records from or concerning members of the news media in criminal and civil investigations between July 12, 2013 and January 23, 2017. 2. Any and all correspondence and/or memoranda relating to modifications to DOJ policies and practices governing the use of law enforcement tools, including subpoenas, court orders, and search warrants, to obtain information or records from or concerning members of the news media in criminal and civil investigations between January 23, 2017 and May 25, 2017. 3. Any and all correspondence between staff members of the White House and staff members of our agency related to the prosecution and/or potential prosecution of journalists under the provisions of the Espionage Act (18 U.S.C. 793) between January 23, 2017 and May 25, 2017. 4. Any and all memoranda and/or legal opinions related to the prosecution and/or potential prosecution of journalists under the provisions of the Espionage Act (18 U.S.C. 793) between January 23, 2017 and May 25, 2017. Our FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act request on July 7, 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.

This office conducted a search of the files of the National Security Division FARA Office. We did not locate any responsive records subject to FOIA.

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."

Sincerely,



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