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Dear Mr. Scott:

While processing your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 20, 2015 for the Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) privacy impact assessments not published online -- and subsequently reformulated to include Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties determination letters -- the DEA referred thirteen documents, totaling fourteen pages, to this Office for processing and direct response to you on behalf of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. For your information, the documents were received by this Office on July 30, 2015.

I have determined that nine documents, totaling ten pages, are appropriate for release without excision, and copies are enclosed. Additionally, I have determined that four documents, totaling four pages, are appropriate for release with excisions made on behalf of the DEA pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. For your information, the information withheld by the DEA consists of the names of individuals.

Please note that the numbers appearing on the bottom margins of the enclosed pages were present on the documents as referred by DEA, and were not made by this Office.

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) (2012). 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.

Although I am aware that your request is the subject of ongoing litigation and that
appeals are not ordinarily acted on in such situations, I am required by statute and regulation to inform you of your right to file an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

for

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Enclosures