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Re: DOJ-2016-003626 (AG)
DOJ-2016-003627 (OLP)
D.D.C. No. 17-410
VRB:ACS

Dear Ms. Amlani:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on June 15, 2016, in which you requested records relating to evidence-based practices in sentencing, including policies, guidelines, source codes, and validation studies. This response is made on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General (OAG) and Legal Policy (OLP).

By letter dated August 16, 2017, we provided you with an interim response and informed you that we were continuing to process records on behalf of OAG and OLP. Our work on your request is now complete.

Specifically, we have completed our processing of an additional 2,726 pages containing records responsive to your request. I have determined that 359 pages are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (b)(6). Additionally, 2,367 pages are being withheld in full pursuant to Exemption 5. Exemption 5 of the FOIA pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process and presidential communications privileges. Exemption 6 of the FOIA pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. Portions of the records being withheld in full pursuant to Exemption 5 are also withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6.

Furthermore, emails in the enclosed documents which use the account name "Lew Alcindor" denote emails to or from former Attorney General Eric Holder's official Department of Justice email account. Mr. Holder's official email account did not use his name, in order to protect his security and privacy and enable him to conduct Department business efficiently via email.

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) (2015)

(amended 2016). 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.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Alex Shoaibi of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, at 202-252-2511.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures