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Re: DOJ-2018-000676  
No. 19-cv-810 (D.D.C.)  
VRB:JMB:BRB

Dear Enid Zhou:

This responds to Category 2 of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated and received in this Office on November 5, 2018, for various records pertaining to Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III's investigation into Russian interference with the 2016 U.S. presidential election and other related matters.<sup>1</sup> By letters dated May 6, June 3, and August 8, 2019, we provided you with interim responses to Categories 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of your request.

Please be advised that a search was conducted for records of the Special Counsel's Office responsive to Category 2 of your request and seventeen pages containing records responsive to Category 2 were located. I have determined that four pages are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. Additionally, thirteen pages containing records responsive to your request are being withheld in full pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege.

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) (2018). 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.

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<sup>1</sup> This response is consistent with the parties' agreement on scope as reflected in the June 17, 2019 Joint Status Report.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Courtney D. Enlow of the Department's Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch at 202-616-8467.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures