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May 5, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.

[Redacted]

FOIPA Request No.: 1369578-000  
Subject: Processing Notes for FOIAs 1325572-0 and 1325572-1

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

**Section 552**

**Section 552a**

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Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.

We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

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. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

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You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov). Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@ic.fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosures (2)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of your requested records.

The enclosed material represents the final release of information regarding your FOIA request.

Additional material was withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E).

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

**Sobonya, David P. (RMD) (FBI)**

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**From:** John Greenewald [john@greenewald.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2015 1:24 AM  
**To:** FOIPARquest  
**Subject:** FOIA REQUEST

To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. § 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I am a freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be given, if needed.

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I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of all correspondence between the FBI, and Senator John McCain and Senator Carl Levin regarding the Boston Marathon bomber(s) on, and around, July 12, 2013. This would include, but not be limited to, emails, letters, memos, call logs, etc.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.  
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[REDACTED]

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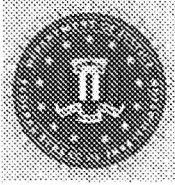
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

April 7, 2015

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD  
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1325572-000  
Subject: ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
BETWEEN FBI AND SENATOR'S JOHN  
MCCAIN AND CARL LEVIN REGARDING  
THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBER(S)  
ON/AROUND JULY 12, 2013

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

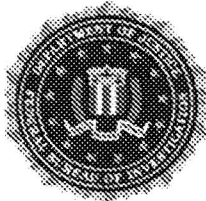
This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request to the FBI.

- Your request has been received at FBI Headquarters for processing.
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- We are searching the indices to our Central Records System for the information responsive to this request. We will inform you of the results in future correspondence.
- Your request for a fee waiver is being considered and you will be advised of the decision at a later date.
- The subject of your request is currently being processed for public release. Documents will be released to you upon completion.
- Please check for the status of your FOIPA request at [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) by clicking on Check the Status of Your FOIPA Request under Records Available Now located on the right side of the page. Status updates are adjusted weekly. The status of newly assigned requests may not be available until the next weekly update. If the FOIPA has been closed the notice will indicate that appropriate correspondence has been mailed to the address on file.

The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief,  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

September 1, 2015

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1325572-000  
Subject: ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
BETWEEN FBI AND SENATORS JOHN  
MCCAIN AND CARL LEVIN REGARDING  
THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBER(S)  
ON/AROUND JULY 12, 2013

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a search of the Central Records System. We were unable to identify main file records responsive to the FOIA. If you have additional information pertaining to the subject that you believe was of investigative interest to the Bureau, please provide us the details and we will conduct an additional search.

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.

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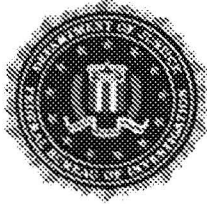
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Enclosed for your information is a copy of the FBI Fact Sheet.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief,  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure



# FBI FACT SHEET

- The primary functions of the FBI are national security and law enforcement.
- The FBI does not keep a file on every citizen of the United States.
- The FBI was not established until 1908 and we have very few records prior to the 1920s.
- FBI files generally contain reports of FBI investigations of a wide range of matters, including counterterrorism, counter-intelligence, cyber crime, public corruption, civil rights, organized crime, white collar crime, major thefts, violent crime, and applicants.
- The FBI does not issue clearances or non-clearances for anyone other than its own personnel or persons having access to FBI facilities. Background investigations for security clearances are conducted by many different Government agencies. Persons who received a clearance while in the military or employed with some other government agency should contact that entity. Most government agencies have websites which are accessible on the internet which have their contact information.
- A criminal history summary check or "rap sheet" is NOT the same as an "FBI file." It is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and related documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization or military service. The subject of a "rap sheet" may obtain a copy by submitting a written request to FBI, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, Record Request, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306. Along with a specific written request, the individual must submit a new full set of his/her fingerprints in order to locate the record, establish positive identification, and ensure that an individual's records are not disseminated to an unauthorized person. The fingerprint submission must include the subject's name, date and place of birth. There is a required fee of \$18 for this service, which must be submitted by money order or certified check made payable to the Treasury of the United States. A credit card payment option is also available. Forms for this option and additional directions may be obtained by accessing the FBI Web site at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks/background\\_checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks/background_checks).
- The National Name Check Program (NNCP) conducts a search of the FBI's Universal Index (UNI) to identify any information contained in FBI records that may be associated with an individual and provides the results of that search to a requesting federal, state or local agency. Names are searched in a multitude of combinations and phonetic spellings to ensure all records are located. The NNCP also searches for both "main" and "cross reference" files. A main file is an entry that carries the name corresponding to the subject of a file, while a cross reference is merely a mention of an individual contained in a file. The results from a search of this magnitude can result in several "hits" and "idents" on an individual. In each instance where UNI has identified a name variation or reference, information must be reviewed to determine if it is applicable to the individual in question.
- The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for records and provides copies of FBI files responsive to Freedom of Information or Privacy Act (FOIPA) requests for information. RIDS provides responsive documents to requesters seeking "reasonably described information." For a FOIPA search, the subject's name, event, activity, or business is searched to determine whether there is an associated investigative file. This is called a "main file search" and differs from the NNCP search.

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Analyst: ? FOIPA # 13255720

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Description of correspondence attached:

- Proof of Death (POD)
- DOJ361/Certification of Identity/Privacy Waiver/Gov't Identification (Dual Authentication)
- Change of address/Returned mail/Incorrect address
- Cancel request/See Attachment
- Reduce scope/Negotiations or Change search criteria
- Cost response:        CD        Paper Format        Search Fees        Fee Waiver        Other
- Expedited Processing:        Pending        New Request
- Possible HIGH-VIZ
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Response other than Waiver (Public interest justification)
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- Additional FOIPA Request Numbers:
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- Comments

**Sobonya, David P. (RMD) (FBI)**

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**From:** John Greenewald <john@greenewald.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 09, 2016 2:15 PM  
**To:** FOIPARrequest  
**Subject:** FOIA REQUEST

To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be given, if needed.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

I filed this request back in 2015 – which resulted in a NO RECORDS determination. My appeal rights have passed, however, I am refiling for the following:

I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of all correspondence between the FBI, and Senator John McCain and Senator Carl Levin regarding the Boston Marathon bomber(s) on, and around, July 12, 2013. This would include, but not be limited to, emails, letters, memos, call logs, etc.

Please note: I ask that a no records determination is given. Please reference the FBI's Congressional Correspondence Log:

<b>CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY:</b>		<b>Record Number:</b> 13/DO/2700
<b>INCOMING DATE:</b>	7/12/2013	<b>FROM:</b> MCCAIN, JOHN/LEVIN, CARL
<b>ADDRESSED TO:</b>	MUELLER, ROBERT S., III	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Congressional from Senators John McCain and Carl Levin requesting more information on the data the FBI collected and shared before April 15, 2013, in relation to Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan	

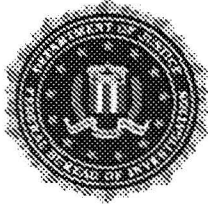
Which can be read in full: <http://documents.theblackvault.com/documents/congress/1259454-0.pdf>

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.  
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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

April 26, 2016

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1325572-001  
Subject: All correspondence between FBI  
and Senators John McCain and Carl Levin  
(ON OR ABOUT JULY 12, 2013)

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the FBI.

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- Release of responsive records will be made to the FBI's FOIA Library (The Vault), <http://vault.fbi.gov>, and you will be contacted when the release is posted.
- Your request for a fee waiver is being considered and you will be advised of the decision at a later date. If your fee waiver is denied, you will be charged fees in accordance with the category designated below.
- For the purpose of assessing fees, we have made the following determination:
  - As a commercial use requester, you will be charged applicable search, review, and duplication fees in accordance with 5 USC § 552 (a)(4)(A)(ii)(I).
  - As an educational institution, noncommercial scientific institution or representative of the news media requester, you will be charged applicable duplication fees in accordance with 5 USC § 552 (a)(4)(A)(ii)(II).
  - As a general (all others) requester, you will be charged applicable search and duplication fees in accordance with 5 USC § 552 (a)(4)(A)(ii)(III).

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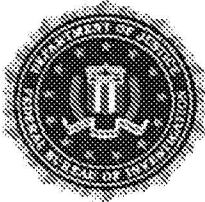
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David M. Hardy  
Section Chief,  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

HolSeptember 9, 2016

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.  
[REDACTED]

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You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov). Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@ic.fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident. references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosures

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of responsive FBI Correspondence Letters.

It is unnecessary to adjudicate your fee waiver request as there are no accessible fees. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

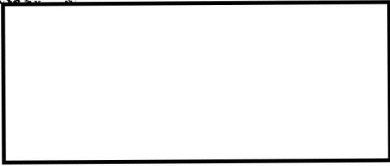
- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



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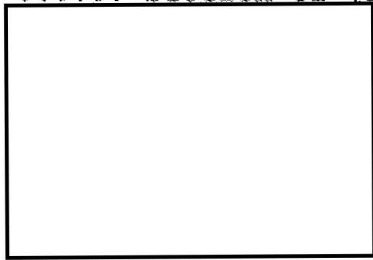
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FOIPA NOTES SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET  
Case: 1325572-001

Type: Administrative, Sub Type: Release Date: 09/13/2016 16:38:17, User: [redacted]  
Subject: Release Mailed  
Text: Release mailed 9/13/2016.  
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Type: Administrative, Sub Type: Review Date: 09/12/2016 14:32:33, User: [redacted]  
Subject: Release - approved  
Text: Release - approved  
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Type: Processing, Sub Type: FOI/PA General Date: 09/12/2016 11:34:19, User: [redacted]  
Subject: Forwarding Release  
Text: 4-page paper release forwarded for review on 9/12/2016.

The release letter is dated for 9/13/2016.  
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Subject: Integrity  
Text: [redacted]  
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Type: Processing, Sub Type: FOI/PA Review Date: 09/06/2016 13:41:15, User: [redacted]  
Subject: EGIS Review Completed  
Text: This date. WI sealed and forwarded to B/R queue.

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Type: Processing, Sub Type: FOI/PA General Date: 08/24/2016 15:04:40, User: [redacted]  
Subject: Forwarding for Review  
Text: 4 pages were reviewed and released. [redacted] The exemption  
s used were b6, b7C, b7D, and b7E.

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The Fee Waiver tab has been addressed.

A FOIA release letter has been forwarded for review. The fee waiver request was addressed in this response.

The request was forwarded for review on 8/24/2016.  
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Subject: Date to Disclosure  
Text: Work item proofread and being forwarded to Disclosure on this date.  
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Subject: assigned  
Text: [redacted]  
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Text: [redacted]  
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Subject: BACKLOGGED  
Text: 08/08/2016  
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Subject: forwarded for backlog  
Text: 8/5/2016

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Subject: Letters imported/ready for backlog  
Text: 8/5/2016  
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Subject: response  
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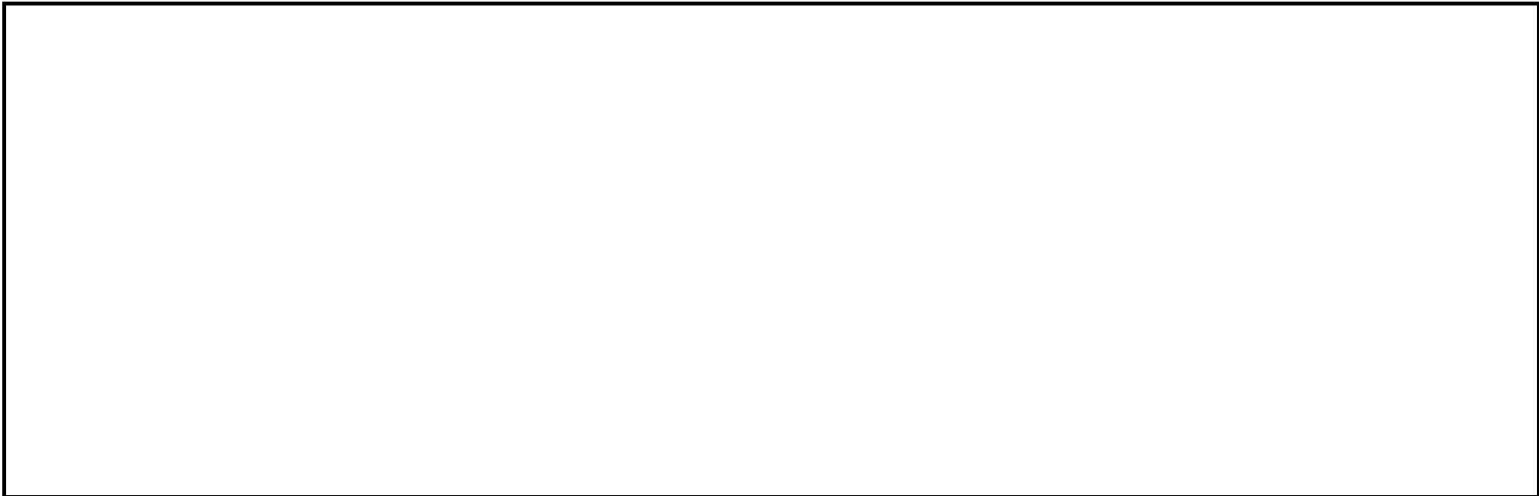
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To: [redacted] (FBI)

Cc: [redacted] (FBI); [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

Subject: RE: FOIA # 1325572-1 --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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Regards,

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Analyst - FCI Federal

Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

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From: [redacted] (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 1:18 PM

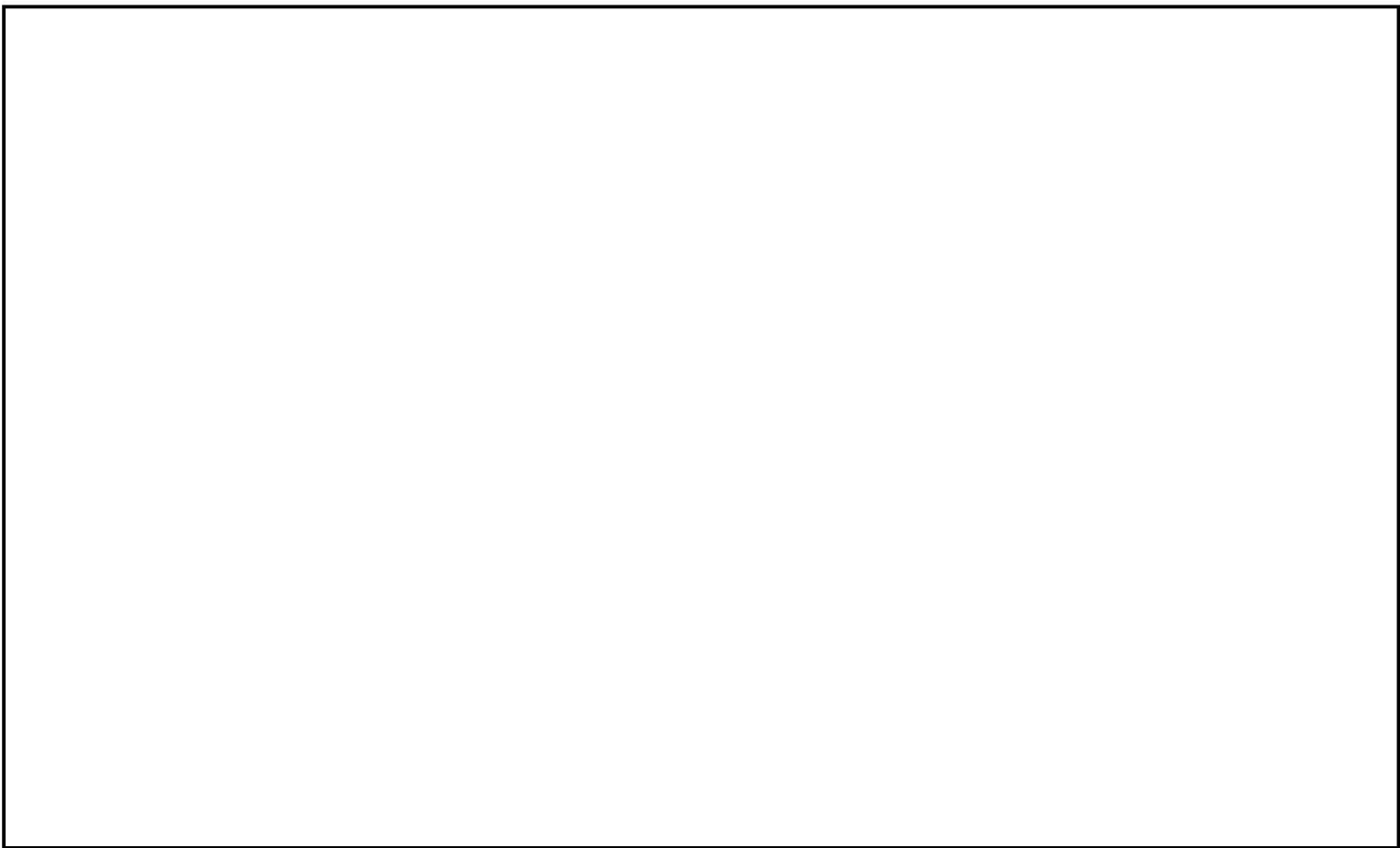
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To: [redacted] (RMD) (CON)

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Cc: [redacted] (FBI)

Subject: FW: FOIA # 1325572-1 --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~



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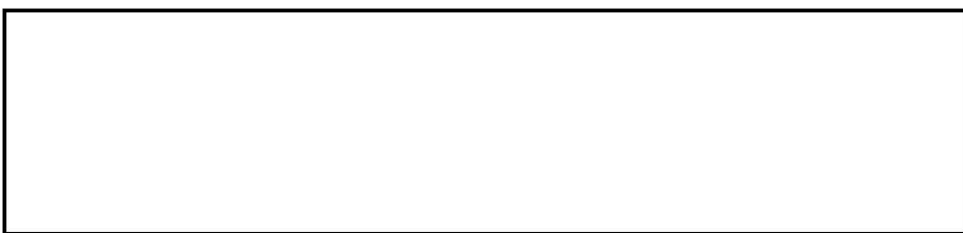
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Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 3:25 PM

To: [redacted] (FBI)

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From: [REDACTED] (RMD) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 7:26 AM

To: [REDACTED] (RMD) (CON)

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Thanks,

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WPU Team 3

RIDS/RMD, Winchester  
  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (RMD) (CON)

Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 3:01 PM

To: [REDACTED] (RMD) (FBI)

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From: [Redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 1:57 PM

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Cc: [Redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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V/R,

[Redacted]

Management and Program Analyst

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RMD

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From: [redacted] (RMD) (CON)

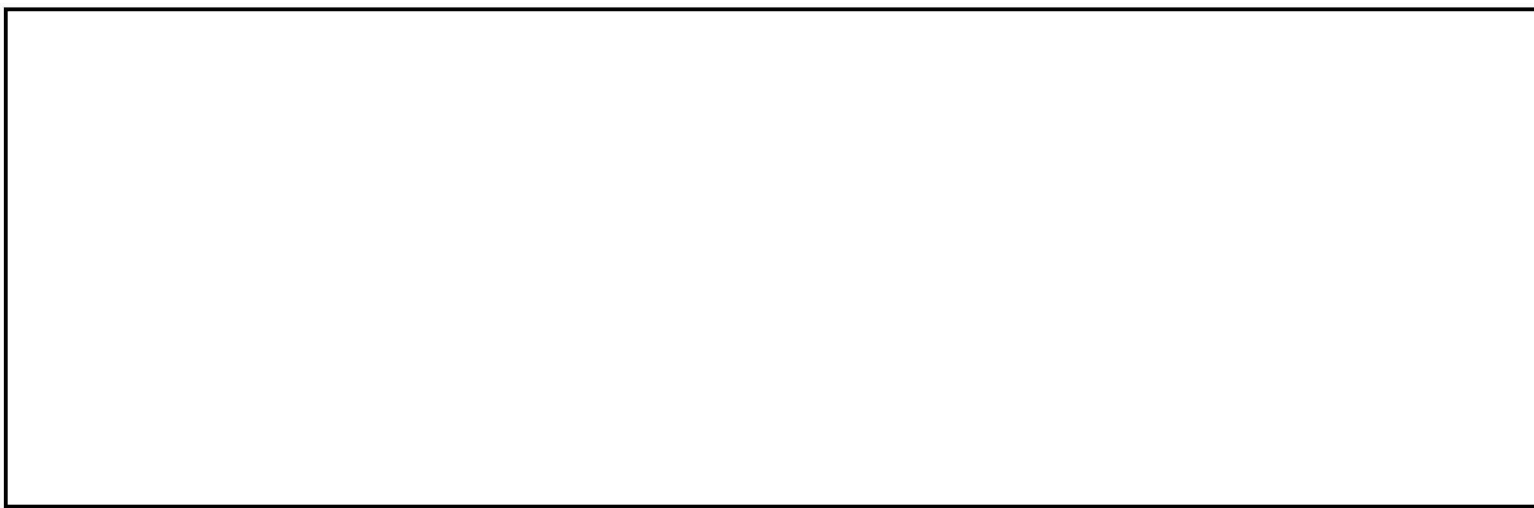
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Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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Regards,

[redacted]

Analyst - FCI Federal

Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

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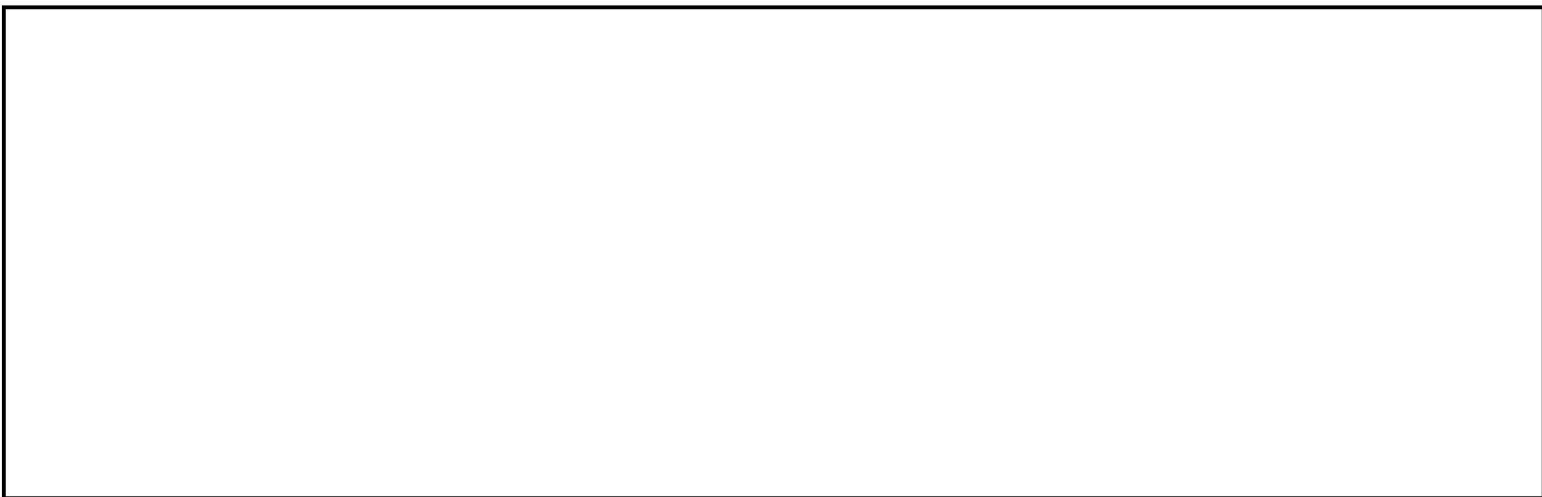


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To: [redacted] (FBI)

Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (CON)

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From: [redacted] (RMD) (CON)

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Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 9:28 AM

To: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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Regards,

[redacted]  
Analyst - FCI Federal

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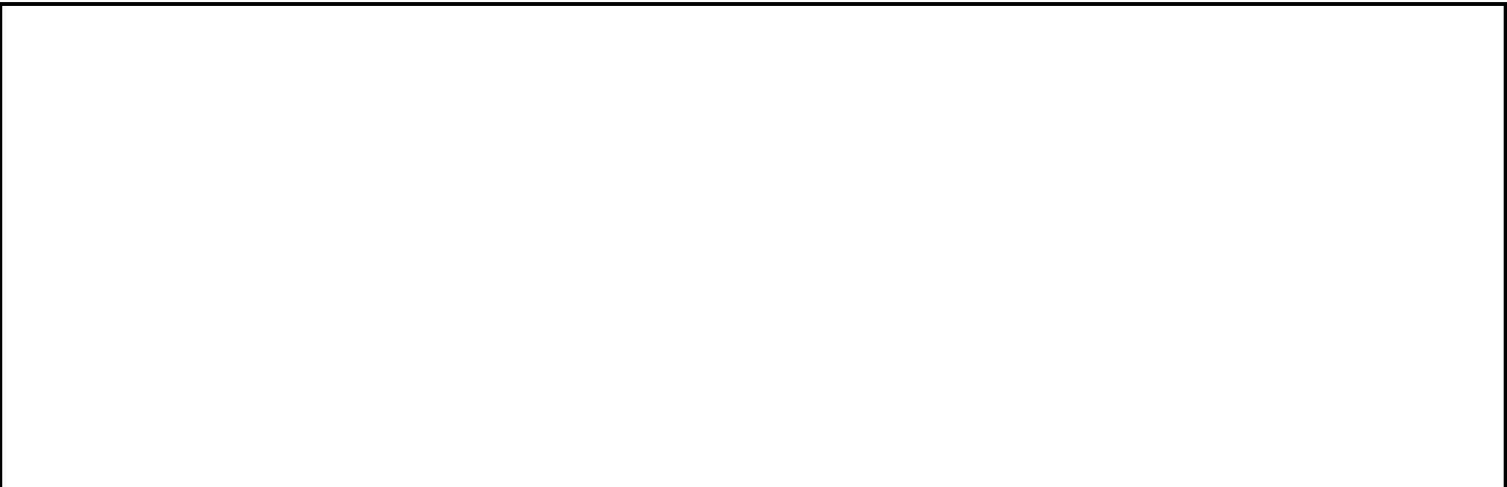
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Regards,



Analyst - FCI Federal

Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

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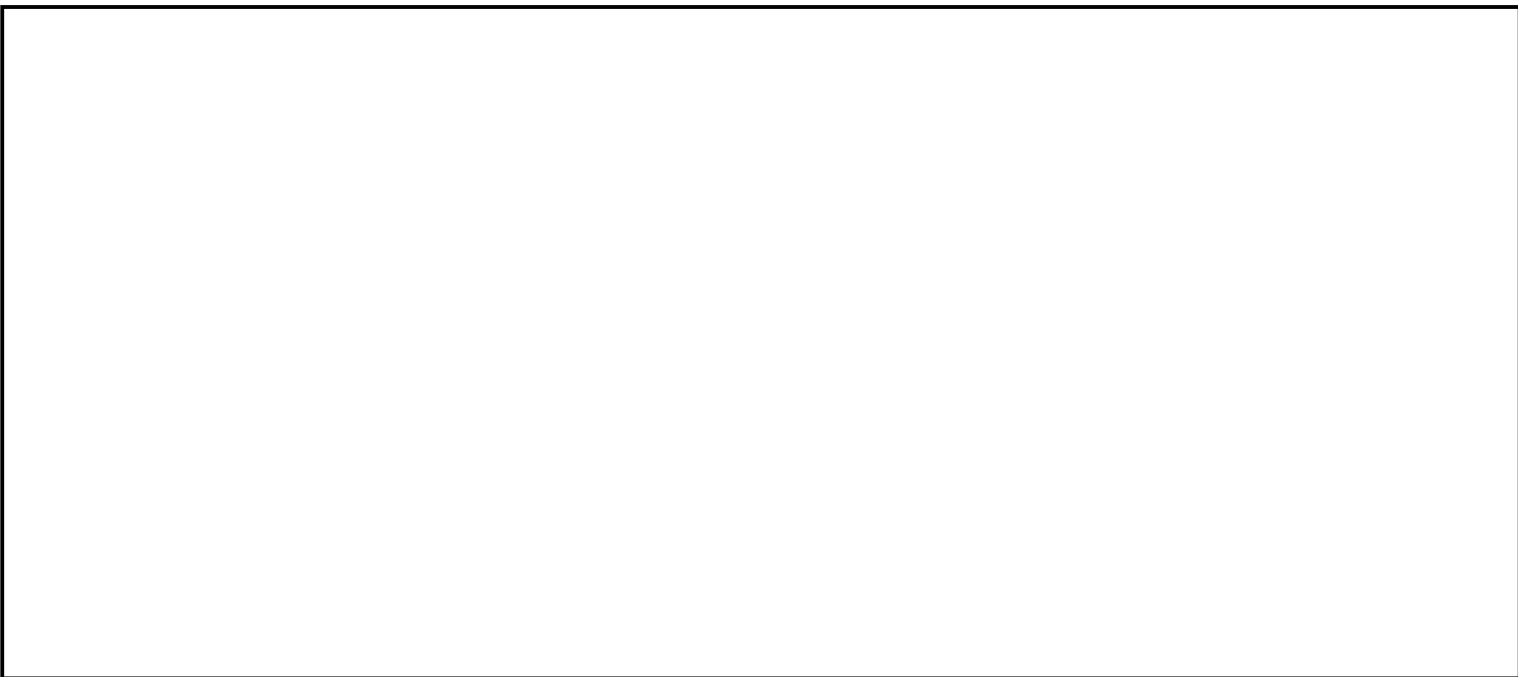
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From: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)  
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To: [redacted] (RMD) (CON)

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WPU Team 3

RIDS/RMD, Winchester

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Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 3:01 PM

To: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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V/R,

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Management and Program Analyst

RIDS Front Office

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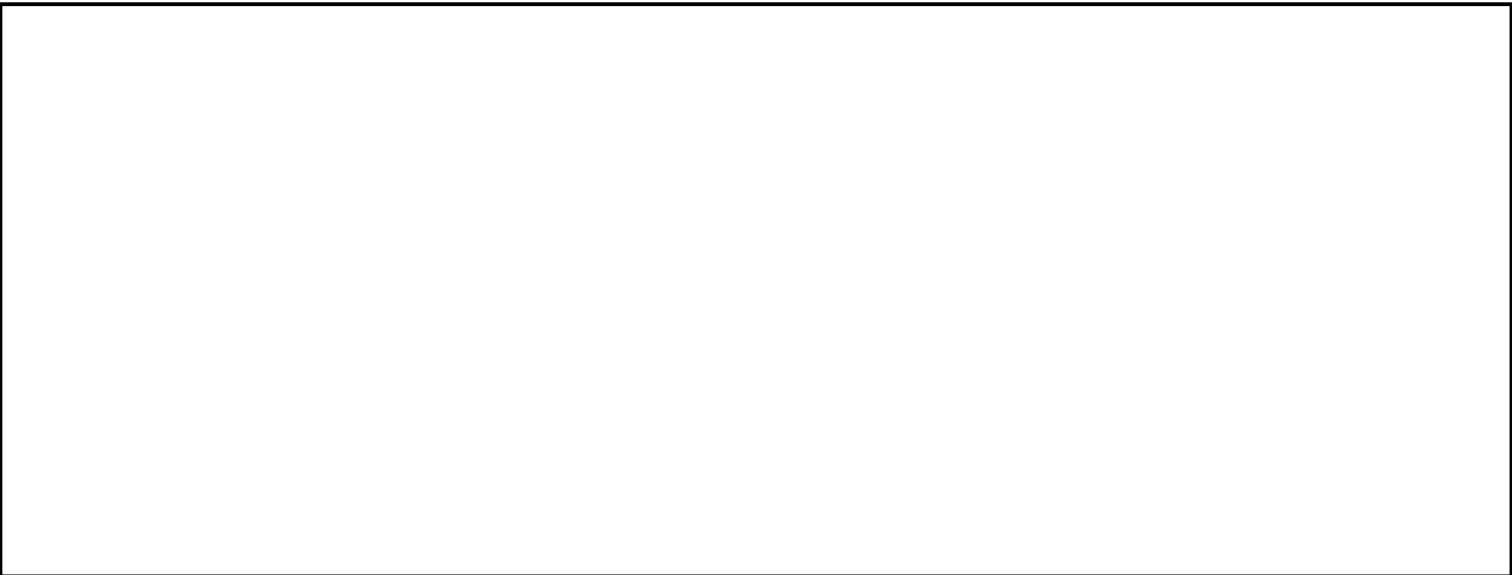
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Regards,



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To: [Redacted] (FBI)

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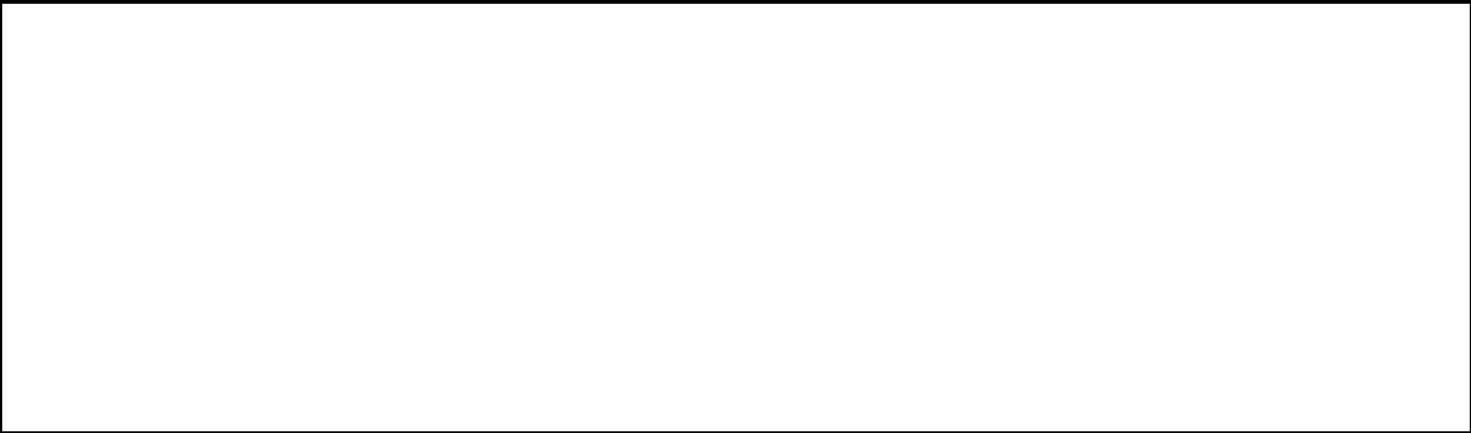
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Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 9:28 AM

To: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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Regards,

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Regards,

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Analyst - FCI Federal

Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)

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To: [Redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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Respectfully,

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From: [Redacted] (RMD) (CON)

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To: [Redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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Text: mailed to requester 4/26/2016

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Subject: IPRL Approved  
Text: Letter approved and forwarded to GIS for mailing. 4/26/16  
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Subject: IPR Letter  
Text: sent to reviewer 4/25/2016  
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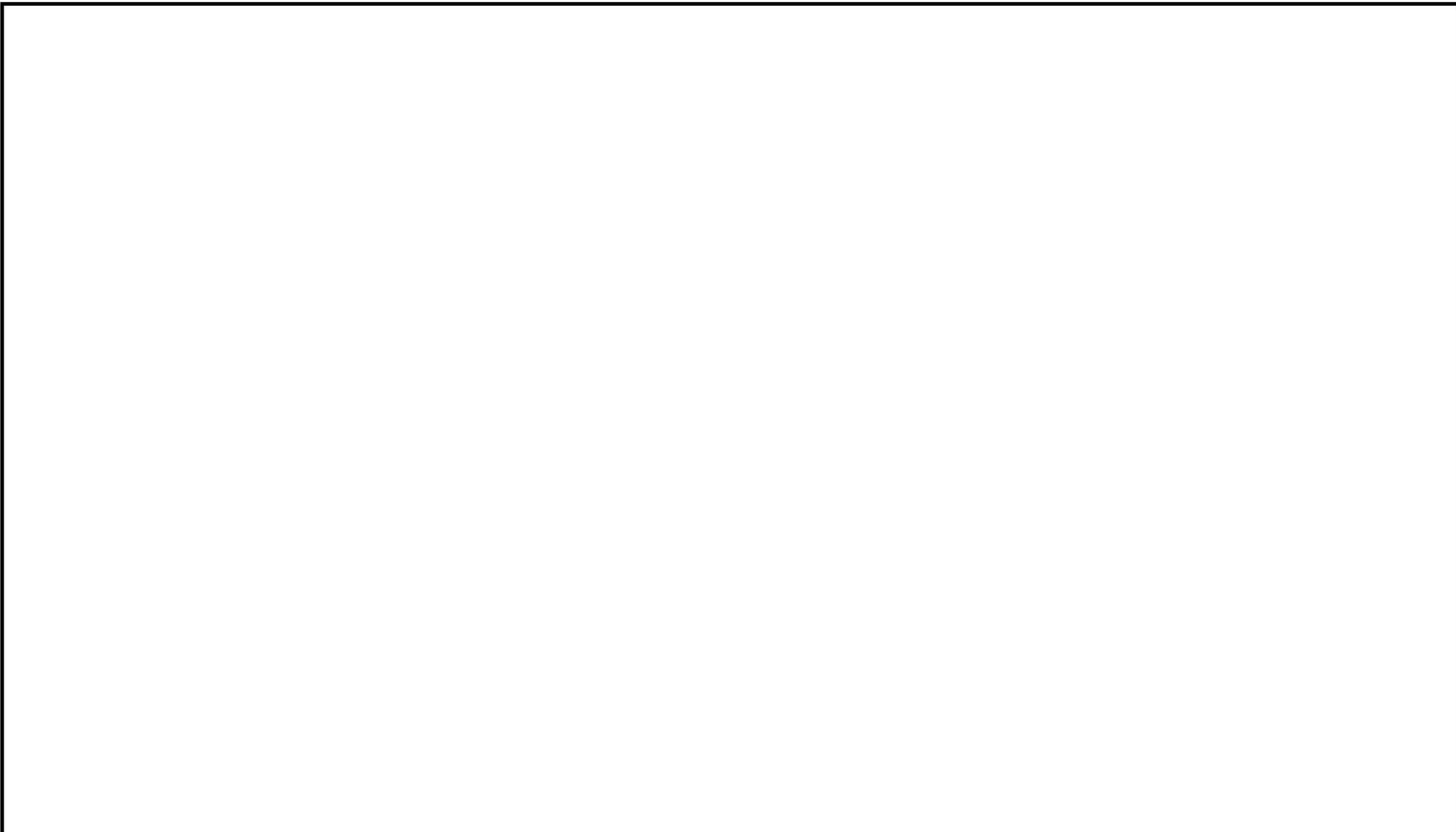
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To: [redacted] (FBI)

Cc: [redacted] (RMD) (CON)

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Respectfully,

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From: [redacted] (RMD) (CON)

Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 9:28 AM

To: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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Regards,

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Subject: IPR Letter

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Subject: [Redacted]

Text: [Redacted]

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Type: Initial Processing, Sub Type: General Date: 04/21/2016 09:19:34, User: [Redacted]

Subject: reopened

Text: case reopened 4/21/2016

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