



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dror Ladin
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
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Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY15-098

Dear Mr. Ladin:

As stated in my August 28, 2015 letter to you, the Office of Public Affairs (“OPA”) was considering your request for expedited processing under 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(d)(1)(iv). We were informed yesterday that OPA has granted your request for expedited processing under that standard.

Your request has now been re-assigned to the “expedited” processing track. Because of the considerable number of FOIA requests received by OLC before your request, including other previously expedited requests, our staff has not yet been able to complete a search to determine whether there are documents within the scope of your request. Please note that it also is likely that we will be unable to respond to your request within the twenty-day statutory deadline. I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be given priority and processed as soon as practicable.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or wish to discuss your request, you may contact Melissa Golden, our Lead Paralegal and FOIA Specialist, at (202) 514-2053, or at Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 5511, Washington, DC 20530.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John E. Bies".

John E. Bies
Deputy Assistant Attorney General