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Re:  Public Records Appeal SPR15-787

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

You have requested documents in the possession, custody or control of the Boston Police Department under the Massachusetts Public Records Request Act (M.G.L. c. 66 §10). Specifically, you requested information relating to the non-disclosure agreement between the Boston Police Department and the FBI concerning equipment from Harris Corporation or Boeing.

As previously stated, it is the Department’s position that the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure by MGL c. 4 s. 7(26)(f). Disclosure of the information contained in these documents would not be in the public interest and would prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement. The protection of such investigatory materials and reports is essential to ensure that the Department can continue to effectively monitor and control criminal activity and thus protect the safety of private citizens.

Contrary to the Department’s position, the Public Records Division of the Commonwealth has allowed your appeal and ordered production of the requested materials. As a result, enclosed please find the responsive documents in the Department’s possession.

Sincerely,

Katherine Sarmini Hoffman

cc:  Public Records Division, One Ashburton Place, Room 1719, Boston, MA 02108 (via e-mail)