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Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a disc containing two Excel Spreadsheets. These spreadsheets contain the information that you requested from the Montana POST Council on October 14, 2016 minus withheld materials described below. One spreadsheet shows the decertified and otherwise sanctioned officers and their information. POST did not become a quasi-judicial board capable of imposing such sanctions until 2007, so the spreadsheet contains information on all officers who have been sanctioned by POST since 2007. Prior to 2007, the council was an advisory board attached to the Montana Board of Crime Control.

Of 1,963 active, certified peace officers in Montana as of October 17, 2016, POST has produced information for 1,732 officers. POST has withheld the information of 231 officers in Montana based upon their assertion of their individual privacy interests. Of those officers, 47 indicated that they are currently working undercover and that disclosure of their information could put their safety or the public's safety at risk. Two officers have indicated that they are asserting their privacy interest because they were formerly, or hope to be in the future, undercover officers. You have previously stated that you no longer seek information regarding these officers. Finally, 182 officers have asserted their privacy interests for some other reason.

The Montana POST Council intends to proceed as decided in its December 2, 2016 meeting regarding the non-undercover officers (184 total) who have asserted their privacy interests.

Sincerely,

Perry Johnson

Perry Johnson, Executive Director
Montana POST Council

c: Peter Michael Meloy