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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-002873
Request No. 1425688
CDT:EMY

VIA: Email

Dear Emma Best:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning the Reporters' Committee of the Freedom of the Press (RCFP), including but not limited to the FBI's investigation into The Village Voice's publication of the Pike Committee Report. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search for records responsive to your request.

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and this Office, I am remanding your request to the FBI for a further search. If the FBI locates and determines that records are releasable, it will send them to you directly, subject to any applicable fees. You may appeal any future adverse determination made by the FBI. If you would like to inquire about the status of this remanded request or to receive an estimated date of completion, please contact the FBI directly at 540-868-1535.¹

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

¹ I note that the FBI located potentially responsive civil litigation records. These records generally encompass civil litigation in which the organization filed a lawsuit against the FBI pursuant to the FOIA. Most individuals are not interested in these files, which concern FOIA litigation that is publicly documented on the federal court dockets. Please contact the FBI if you are interested in such records.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

11/25/2019

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Christina D. Troiani, Associate Chief, for
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Signed by: CHRISTINA TROIANI