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File Number: 20190757

Dear Requester:

This letter is intended to acknowledge the receipt of your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on May 20, 2019, for records relating to or mentioning Hacking Team, including communications (i.e. emails, memos, letters, etc.) to or from the organization, contracts, bids and invoices to or from the organization, as well as any records relating to the 2015 hack of the organization, the subsequent release of their files and the republication of their emails on the WikiLeaks website.

An initial search yielded over 150,000 records that could potentially be responsive to your request. The software used to search pulled records that not only contained the fifty keywords provided, but also several non-responsive variations of those words. Considering the overwhelming response received, it will take our processors several months to identify and eliminate non-responsive records, as well as several additional months process the relevant information.

If you wish to receive a more timely response, please narrow the requested information by including specific email accounts, a concise date range, and/or limiting the search terms to the most important key words. This is not a denial of your request. Please resubmit your narrowed request within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter. Upon receipt of the narrowed request, you will be advised of the status of your request.

Your request has been assigned FOIA File No. 20190757. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact this office at (202) 406-6370. Please refer to the file number indicated above in all correspondence with this office.

Thank you,

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