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Re:

DOJ-2017-002067 (OIP)

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Dear Michael Best:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking copies of all notes and summaries of Executive Officer's meetings since January 2008<sup>1</sup>.

Please be advised that upon further review of your request, it was determined that the Justice Management Division (JMD) would be the Department component most likely to maintain the records you are seeking. Accordingly, and because the Department has a decentralized system for processing FOIA requests and each component of the Department maintains its own records, you may want to direct your request to JMD as the Department component most likely to maintain the records you are seeking. Contact information for JMD is available at <u>FOIA.gov</u> website. To the extent that you are seeking records related to this Office's attendance to these meetings, you may submit such a request to this Office.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2012 & Supp. V 2017). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Valeree Villanueva, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your case at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> You directed your request to the FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit (MRU), Justice Management Division, for appropriate routing. The MRU tracking number associated with this request is EMRUFOIA020117-8.

Additionally you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at <a href="mailto:ogis@nara.gov">ogis@nara.gov</a>; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal at <a href="https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home">https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home</a>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal"

Sincerely,

Douglas Hibbard

Chief, Initial Request Staff