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Re: DOJ-2019-006631
DRH:VAV:SLE

Dear Don Stone:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on August 26, 2019, in which you requested specified records of Attorney General William Barr pertaining to Gilbert Sapperstein, dating from January 1990, through December 2003.¹

You have written to the Office of Information Policy of the United States Department of Justice, which processes Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) requests for records it maintains as well as records maintained by the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, Public Affairs, Legislative Affairs, and Legal Policy. OIP also adjudicates administrative appeals of denials of FOIA/PA requests made to the Department. This Office maintains the case files for the individual requests and administrative appeals it processes.

Please be advised, Attorney General files from 1975 through the administration of Seventy-Seventh Attorney General William Pelhelm Barr (November 21, 1991 to January 15, 1993) have been accessioned into the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in accordance with approved Departmental records disposition schedules and are no longer in the custody of the Department of Justice. Accordingly, any Attorney General records from this period regarding the subject of your request, to the extent they exist, would be maintained by NARA. You may contact NARA using the following information:

Gary M. Stern
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8601 Adelphi Road, Room 3110
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¹ You directed your request to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA), who forwarded it to this Office for handling. The EOUSA tracking number associated with this request is EOUSA-2019-004253.

Furthermore, Attorney General William Barr was once again an official with the Department of Justice when he was sworn in as the Eighty-Fifth U.S. Attorney General, on February 14, 2019.

Lastly, the Department has a decentralized system for processing FOIA requests and each component of the Department maintains its own records. Accordingly, FOIA requesters need to direct their requests to the Department component(s) they believe have records pertaining to the subjects of their requests. Because you referenced the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) you may want to directly contact the FBI and EOUSA for records they might maintain. Contact information for both EOUSA and FBI may be found online at <https://www.justice.gov/oip/find-foia-contact-doj/list>.

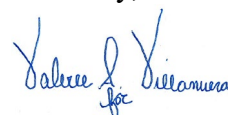
For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2012 & Supp. V 2017). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard 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 request 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.

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 ogis@nara.gov; 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 <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. 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 R. Hibbard
Chief, Initial Request Staff