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Re: D-2021-00011
Request No. 1484445-000

Dear William Fernandes:

This is to advise you that your further appeal from the classification determination of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on your request records concerning the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany was received by the Office of Information Policy (OIP) on June 17, 2021. I regret the delay in acknowledging receipt of your appeal.

The Department Review Committee (DRC) has the responsibility of adjudicating the merits of classification determinations made by components of the Department of Justice. OIP provides administrative support to the DRC. Your DRC appeal has been assigned number **D-2021-00011**.

OIP has forwarded your appeal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for further clarification and we will notify you of the Department Review Committee's decision on your appeal. Finally, because of the need for careful review of your appeal by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the DRC staff, and the DRC itself, we anticipate that more than sixty days will be needed to reach a final decision in this case. We regret the necessity of this delay and appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Castellano
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Associate Chief, Appeals Staff

for

Lionel Kennedy
DRC Chairman