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Dear Mr. Fernandes:

This responds to your request dated January 20, 2021, to Interpol Washington, U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requesting "...a copy of the 'Interpol Red Notice(s) requests and related documents related to and or requesting the arrest of former President Donald Trump and ' 47 other American officials for the assassination of Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps major general Qassem Soleimani on 3 January 2020."

We received your request on January 21, 2021. Please refer to the above FOIA number assigned to your request in any additional correspondence. On February 4, 2021, we acknowledged receipt of your request and advised you that this Office will handle your request as quickly as possible.

For your information, the USNCB has adopted a "multi-track processing" of FOIA requests based on the estimated amount of work and time needed to process the request. The criteria for assignment to a specific track can be found in the Department of Justice FOIA Regulations at 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b). Your request has been assigned to the simple track.

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) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). 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.

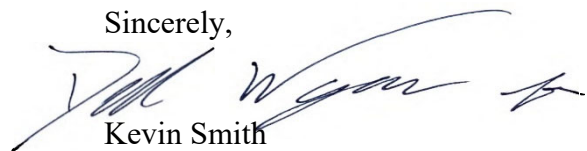
A reasonable search of the Interpol Washington system of records subject to the FOIA and administrative files produced no records. Since we located no records, either no records ever existed in our system of records, or if a criminal investigative record existed in the Interpol Washington system of records and the criminal investigation was closed on any date up through 2012, those records would have been destroyed and would no longer be available for retrieval. You may be interested to know that Interpol Washington investigative records are retained only for a period of seven (7) years from the date a case is closed. For your information, requests for red notices from member countries are made to INTERPOL, the international organization, with headquarters in Lyon, France. The USNCB would not be notified about these requests or INTERPOL's decisions concerning them, but only receive the red notices along with other member countries, if they are published by INTERPOL. Additional information about red notices and INTERPOL is available on INTERPOL's website, www.interpol.int.

If you are not satisfied with Interpol Washington's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 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."

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, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, 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.

You may contact the Interpol Washington FOIA Requester Service Center, as well as our FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Our contact information is as follows: Interpol Washington, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530-0001, Attention: Office of General Counsel, Tel.: 202-616-0201, Email: Interpol-USNCB.FOIA@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Smith
General Counsel