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Re: Appeal No. A-2021-01475
Request No. 1493405-000
DRC:JNW

VIA: Online Portal

Dear William Fernandes:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning employee misconduct complaints generated to the Insider Threat Office from October 2018 to October 2019 that resulted in Office of Professional Responsibility investigations. I note that your appeal concerns the FBI's full denial of your request.

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and this Office, I am remanding your request to the FBI for a search for responsive records. If the FBI locates releasable records, it will send them to you directly, subject to any applicable fees. You may appeal any future adverse determination made by the FBI. If you would like to inquire about the status of this remanded request or to receive an estimated date of completion, please contact the FBI directly at (202) 868-4593.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Castellano
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Daniel Castellano,
Associate Chief, for Matthew Hurd, Chief,
Administrative Appeals Staff



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

April 6, 2021



FOIPA Request No.: 1493405-000
Subject: Employee Misconduct Complaints
to Insider Threat Office resulting in OPR
Investigations
(October 2018 – October 2019)

Dear Mr. Fernandes:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

Material responsive to your request is being withheld in its entirety by the FBI pursuant to subsections (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). See attached Explanations of Exemptions.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation'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 ninety (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." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). 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. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel".

Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure