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VIA Electronic Mail

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Request No. CRM- 301098682

Dear Mr. Evers and Ms. Pintado:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act request dated May 5, 2020, and received in this Office on May 5, 2020, for records concerning email communications of Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Brian Benczkowski containing the term “bravoure,” from July 16, 2018-October 31, 2018.

Please be advised that Criminal Division personnel searched the section most likely to maintain records and no responsive records subject to the FOIA were located.

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). 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 requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the (202) 616-0307 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. 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 the Criminal Division’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 on the following website: <https://foiastar.doj.gov>. 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."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amanda Marchand Jones".

Amanda Marchand Jones
Chief
FOIA/PA Unit