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Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

October 7, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: FOIA@AMERICANOVERSIGHT.ORG

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street, NW, Ste. B255
Washington, DC 20005

RE: FPS Case Number 2020-FPFO-00245

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to your August 13, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). You are seeking records reflecting any order, directive, guidance, or memorandum, including informal direction distributed to the agency's officers, agents, or members regarding the implementation of Operation Legend. Your request was referred to DHS's Federal Protective Service (FPS) on September 3, 2020, for processing and direct response to you.

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within FPS for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2707 Martin Luther King Avenue SE, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

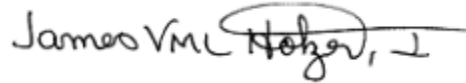
Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25.00, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25.00 minimum, there is no charge.

You have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact 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.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **2020-FPFO-00245**. This office can be reached at FOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV or call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James V.M.L. Holzer, J." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James V.M.L. Holzer
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer