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Mr. Monty Wilkinson
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Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

On January 9, 2020, we received your request for OPM's pre-appointment review and approval to appoint Mr. Jordan L. Von Bokern to a permanent, excepted service position as a Trial Attorney, GS-0905-15. This position is located in the Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch. Mr. Von Bokern currently serves in a Schedule C appointment, Senior Counsel, GS-905-15, in the Office of Legal Policy, U.S. Department of Justice.

I am pleased to inform you we reviewed the information your office provided and found Mr. Von Bokern's selection for this position is free from political influence and complies with the merit system principles, applicable civil service law, and regulations. Please notify us of Mr. Von Bokern's effective date and proposed rate of basic pay, as OPM is required to report such information to Congress. If you or your staff have any questions or need further information about this decision, please contact Ms. Ana A. Mazzi, Principal Deputy Associate Director, at (202) 606-4309 or at Ana.Mazzi@opm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Via E-mail

March 24, 2021

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Request No. 145-FOI-17637
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Dear Mr. McGrath:

This is the response of the Civil Division, Department of Justice to your Freedom of Information Act request for “records sufficient to identify the official(s) who made the decision to hire Jordan Von Bokern for the position of Trial Attorney at the Civil Division’s Federal Program Branch.” This Office received your request on March 1, 2021.

The Civil Division located one document responsive to your request, which is being released to you in full.

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 we give to all our requesters. You should not take it as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 202-514-2319 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 Civil 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, DC 20530-0001, 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,



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