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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request PRAO-FOIA-26-025
(Matter ID: 26-08-10653)

Ms. Lewis:

I write on behalf of the Professional Responsibility Advisory Office (PRAO) to respond to your Freedom of Information Act request dated and received in this office on August 28, 2026. Your request seeks "all records reflecting the status and results of any investigation (e.g., open, closed, referred, etc.) initiated by DOJ since January 20, 2025, into Jeffrey Clark for alleged violations of ethical rules while engaging in work as a government attorney."

Please be advised that PRAO conducted a search of its records and located no records responsive to your request. For your information, PRAO does not maintain the type of records you request. PRAO provides prospective advice to Department of Justice attorneys about how to comply with the applicable rules of professional conduct in the performance of their duties. Additional information about PRAO and its work can be found on the Department of Justice web site at http://www.usdoj.gov/prao/.

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) (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.

If you are not satisfied with PRAO'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

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should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

Cordially,

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FOIA Liaison
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