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Sent via e-mail to: <u>Hans@epic.org</u>
Mr. Gautam Hans, EPIC Clerk
Electronic Privacy Information Center
1718 Connecticut Avenue, NW
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Washington, DC 20009

Re: TSA10-0609

Dear Mr. Hans:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), dated June 15, 2010, and to your request for expedited processing. Your request was received in this office on June 24, 2010. Specifically, you requested information concerning the automated target recognition ("ATR") requirements that the TSA provided to manufacturers of full body scanners ("FBS") for future deployment in American airports.

Your request for expedited treatment is currently under consideration.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. As your request seeks numerous documents that will necessitate a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). Due to these unusual circumstances, DHS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

Provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to media requestors. As a media requestor you will be charged 10-cents a page for duplication, although the first 100 pages are free. We will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. You will be contacted before any further fees are accrued.

We have queried the appropriate program offices of TSA for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that

one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Your request has been assigned reference number **TSA10-0609**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. You may contact this office at (866) 364 - 2872.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Janet

FOIA Officer

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