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National Security Division

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Re: FOIA/PA # 14-007

Dear Ms. Stepanovich:

This is in reference to your letter dated October 3, 2013, pertaining to "All records related to the Attorney General's required semiannual reports between 2001 and the present under 50 U.S.C. §1846; 1. All reports made to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Intelligence in the Senate, detailing the total number of orders for pen registers or trap devices granted or denied, and detailing the total number of pen registers or trap and trace devices installed pursuant to 50 U.S.C. §1843; 2. All information provided to the aforementioned committees concerning all uses of pen registers and trap and trace devices; 3. All records used in preparation of the above materials, including statistical data." Our FOIA office received your Freedom of Information request on October 18, 2013.

You have requested expedited processing of your request under the Department of Justice standards permitting expedition when a requester demonstrates a compelling need. A compelling need is defined as follows:

1. Failure to obtain requested records on an expedited basis could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or
2. With respect to a request made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity.

You have demonstrated that there is a particular urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity. Therefore, your request for expedited process is granted.

Also, you requested a waiver of processing fees. Your reason for a fee waiver does meet the fee waiver threshold. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

Your continued patience is appreciated. Please continue to use the file number indicated above in all future correspondence with this office.

Sincerely,



Arnetta Mallory
FOIA Coordinator