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June 29, 2021

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Dear Requester:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 23, 2021 for all documents and communications from June 2, 2020 to present, pertaining to the following:

1. The decision to deploy federal law enforcement agents, officers, or other personnel in response to the ongoing protests over racial justice in Portland, Oregon and Chicago, Illinois,
2. Any decisions or plans to deploy federal law enforcement agents, officers, or other personnel in response to the ongoing protests over racial justice in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Baltimore, Maryland; Detroit, Michigan; Kansas City, Missouri; New York City; Oakland, California; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and
3. Any policies to which law enforcement officers under the auspices of the Department of Justice are bound governing the treatment of protesters in the above-mentioned cities.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) referred your request to the National Guard Bureau and it was received on June 3, 2021 and assigned case #J-21-0194.

Upon review of your request, we find this request is a duplicate of request #J-21-0152 made to our office on April 19, 2021; with the exception of item 3 which references the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). A search for records responsive to J-21-0152 should reveal records from DoJ and the ATF, should they exist. We are closing this duplicate request and continuing to process your original request under case #J-21-0152. Please be aware there may be unavoidable delays in response due to COVID-19.

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to appeal to Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense at: ODCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. An appeal may also be made on-line through the OSD FOIA request portal at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx>, or by e-mail to OSD.FOIA-

APPEAL@mail.mil. If you use e-mail, please have the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this response and should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting your appeal.

Should you wish to inquire about mediation services, you may contact the OSD/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Toni Fuentes, at (571) 372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil, or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: NARA-OGIS, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448 or by facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

As a result of increases in the Health Protection Condition (HPCON) level, our offices are limited to mission-essential personnel only and maximizing the use of telework for other personnel. This means that we are unable to handle requests or responses sent via traditional methods and can only respond to electronic inquiries while under elevated HPCON levels. If you have questions regarding your request, please contact my office by e-mail: ngb.foia@mail.mil.

Sincerely,



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