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Re: FOIA-2020-01705 No. 20-cv-2553 (DDC)

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Dear Anne Weismann:

This is our third interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on July 23, 2020, in which you are seeking records pertaining to (1) deployment of federal law enforcement personnel to the ongoing protests over racial justice in Portland, Oregon; Chicago, Illinois; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Baltimore, Maryland; Detroit, Michigan; Kansas City, Missouri; New York City, New York; Oakland, California; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and (2) policies to which law enforcement officers under the auspices of the Department of Justice are bound governing the treatment of protesters in the named cities, dating from June 2, 2020.

Please be advised that searches have been conducted in the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, and Public Affairs, and records responsive to your request were located. At this time, an additional 206 pages containing records responsive to your request have been reviewed and processed. 108 pages originated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and OIP has referred that material to the FBI for processing and direct response to you. Thirty-two pages are pending consultation with other Department components and/or Executive Branch agencies and OIP will provide a response on these pages once the consultation process is completed. Finally, the remaining sixty-six pages entirely duplicative of the material contained within the 108 pages referred to FBI or thirty-two pages pending consultation and, as such, will not be provided to you again

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) (2018). 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 have any questions regarding this response, please contact John Truong of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia at 202-252-2524.

Sincerely,

Timothy Ziese

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