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

This is our fifth 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, 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 above 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 217 pages containing records responsive to your request have been reviewed and processed. I have determined that 101 pages originated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and nine pages originated with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and OIP has referred that material to the FBI and DHS, respectively, for processing and direct response to you. Twenty-nine 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 seventy-eight pages are entirely duplicative of the material contained within the twenty-nine pages pending consultation or the 110 pages referred to FBI and DHS, and, as such, will not be processed 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,



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