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

Dear Anne Weismann:

This is our sixth 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.

As we have previously advised, searches were 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. We provided you with five prior interim responses on the responsive records identified from those searches. At this time, the remaining 125 pages containing records responsive to your request that have been identified thus far have been reviewed and processed. I have determined that twenty-seven pages originated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), ten pages originated with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), eleven pages originated with the National Guard Bureau (NGB), and four pages originated with the Federal Park Service (FPS), and OIP has referred that material to FBI, DHS, NGB, and FPS, respectively, for processing and direct response to you. Sixty 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 thirteen pages are entirely duplicative of the material contained within the sixty pages pending consultation and, as such, will not be processed twice. Additional searches for records responsive to your request are ongoing.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V-R-B', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vanessa Brinkmann
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