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Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY19-167

Dear Ms. Hammado:

This letter responds to your June 18, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request to the Office of Legal Counsel (“OLC”), in which you sought “opinions written by [OLC] concerning the legality or constitutionality of investigating or indicting a sitting President’s family members, political campaign committee, business, inaugural committee, trust, or other entities and assets.” We apologize for the significant administrative delay in providing you with this response. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b), your request was processed in the simple track. A search of OLC’s files has located no documents responsive to your request.

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). 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.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact Melissa Golden, OLC’s FOIA Public Liaison, at usdoj-officeoflegalcounsel@usdoj.gov, (202) 514-2053, or at Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 5517, Washington, DC 20530.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (“OGIS”) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You have the right to an administrative appeal. You may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (“OIP”), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s

website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Kaprove". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jared Kaprove
FOIA and Records Management Attorney