Fw: FOIA Update

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Hi so...apparently the awards data we have is flawed in some particular way that only CPD data can be flawed in, but attached is apparently better awards data...read the FOIA officer's letter below.

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Subject: FOIA Update

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Mr. Stecklow,

This one requires a little explanation--bear with me...

I have two requests, one old and one relatively new, for awards data. I previously responded to your first request for a dataset of awards information, and subsequently received another request from you for a number of specific awards from that list.

Upon receiving the second request, I realized that despite my best efforts, the first dataset that we sent you was somewhat problematic. The "award id" field listed numbers that are not, in actuality, the award numbers associated with the awards in question. They are unique identifiers associated with those awards (apparently, but I can't really explain how or why they exist), but in order to get to the award numbers themselves, it requires delving deep into CPD's computer systems.

As such, I went ahead and re-ran the awards data for you related to your first request, and the updated and improved dataset is attached to this email. There may be a few other minor discrepancies between the two sets, however, the one attached to this email should be more up to date and more accurate (and has the obvious advantage of actually listing the award numbers!)

With this new dataset in hand, I went through and cross-correlated the old data to the new for the 14 awards in which you were interested. Those are now: 8048269, 8058588, 8063901, 8062016, 8062930, 8065585, 8068366, 8068403, 8068505, 8068506, 8069253, 8069257, 8083363, 8089209. I've taken these numbers and submitted them to the appropriate section for processing, and I should have them back soon.

I'll be in touch whenever I have these 14 awards ready to go--it shouldn't be too long at this point.

Landon