

## U.S. Department of Justice

## Office of Legal Counsel

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY17-232

Dear Mr. Schwellenbach:

This letter responds to your June 9, 2017 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request submitted to the Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC"), seeking "the listing of [OLC] opinions from [January 1, 2017] through the present." We received your request on June 9, 2017, and pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b), your request was processed in the simple track.

We have completed our search of OLC files and have identified one document that is responsive to your request. A copy of the document is enclosed. We have redacted portions of the document pursuant to FOIA Exemptions Five and Six, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) & (6). The material withheld pursuant to Exemption Five is protected by the deliberative process and attorney-client privileges, and we have determined it is not appropriate for discretionary release. Material, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, has been redacted pursuant to Exemption Six.

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.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Melissa Golden, at 202-514-2053 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. 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, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may

submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home. 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,

Paul P. Colborn

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Special Counsel

Enclosure

## LIST OF OLC OPINIONS

January, 2017 through December, 2017

