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Drug Enforcement Administration  
FOI/Records Management Section  
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Springfield, Virginia 22152

Case Number: 19-00001-L

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Subject: Privacy International, et al. v. FBI, et al.  
Case 1:18-cv-01488  
DEA Case Number 18-01069-F

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Dear Mr. Manes:

Pursuant to the above-captioned civil action, DEA conducted a search for records potentially responsive to the Plaintiffs' request as defined in Defendants' July 12, 2019 letter to Plaintiffs. DEA has completed its review and found no additional responsive records. For this production, DEA reviewed approximately 142 potentially responsive pages, which resulted in no responsive pages. As DEA noted in paragraph 5 of Joint Status Report (ECF No. 28) filed by the parties in *Privacy International, et al. v. FBI, et al.*, No. 18-1488 (W.D.N.Y.), in the course of processing the records for its first production, DEA had determined that additional offices may have responsive records and requested those offices to conduct a search. Those offices completed their search and found no responsive documents. Accordingly, DEA has completed its search and review for records and this serves as the final determination. No further action will be taken by DEA.

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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Marcia Sowles, Senior Trial Counsel, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, at [marcia.sowles@usdoj.gov](mailto:marcia.sowles@usdoj.gov) or 202-514-4960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela D. Hertel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Angela D. Hertel, Acting Chief  
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Cc: Marcia Sowles, U.S. Department of Justice  
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