Dear Mr. Best:

Please be advised that we have determined "unusual circumstances" apply to the processing of your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). "Unusual circumstances" include one or more of the following scenarios:

- There is a need to search for and collect records from field offices and/or other offices that are separate from the FBI Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS).
- There is a need to search for, collect, and examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records.
- There is a need for consultation with another agency or two or more DOJ components.

These "unusual circumstances" will delay our ability to make a determination on your request. Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii).

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOI/PA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

Should you disagree with any determination referenced in this letter, you may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html. Your appeal to OIP must be postmarked or transmitted within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOI/PA Request Number in any correspondence to us for proper identification of your request.

Sincerely,

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