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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552
Request No. **HQ-RIN-02440-02-A**

Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

We are writing in regard to your FOIA appeal, dated, January 27, 2003, and received in this office on January 28, 2003, regarding the Agency's decision to deny records relating to IMPLEMENTATION OF ASHCROFT'S 10/21/01 FOIA MEMO. The Agency has twenty (20) working days to respond to your appeal, except when unusual circumstances exist that would require an extension of time under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(6)(B). Note, in accordance with the EPA's revised FOIA regulations (40 CFR § 2.100, et. seq.), effective November 5, 2002, all appeals of an adverse determination must be received in the FOIA Office 30 days after the date of the initial determination letter. We will refer your appeal to the Office of General Counsel for appropriate action. We hope to respond to you soon. In the interim, please contact us if you have any questions about your appeal. Please cite your FOIA request number in all communications.

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