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RE: 02-1704-F

Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

This is in response to your letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) dated September 4, 2002, requesting all records, including but not limited to guidance or directives, memoranda, training, materials, or legal analyses, concerning the US Drug Enforcement Administration's implementation of US Attorney General John Ashcroft's October 12, 2001 memorandum on the US Freedom of Information Act.

In matters involving the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (FOI/PA) and as a component of the Department of Justice, DEA conforms to the Agency Rules and guidance issued by the Department. The Attorney General Memorandum to which you alluded in your request did not necessitate that DEA issue any further directives or guidance. Accordingly, there are not DEA records responsive to your request.

If you wish to appeal the denial of this request, you may do so within 60 days pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 16.9. The appeal should be sent to the following address, with the envelope marked "FOIPA Appeal":

Co-Director
Office of Information and Privacy
FLAG Building, Suite 570
Washington, D.C. 20530

Sincerely,

Katherine L. Myrick

Chief, Operations Unit

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