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Re: AG/02-R0106
DAG/02-R0107
MAP:MM

Dear Ms. Martin:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated and received in this Office on October 29, 2001, in which you requested "information concerning the individuals 'arrested or detained' . . . in the wake of the September 11 attack." This response is being made on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.

You have requested expedited processing of your request pursuant to the Department's standard permitting expedition for requests involving "[a] matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence." 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(d)(1)(iv)(2001). Pursuant to Department policy, we directed your request to the Director of the Office of Public Affairs, who makes the decision whether to grant or deny expedited processing under this standard. *Id.* § 16.5(d)(2). The Director has determined that your request for expedited processing under this standard should be granted. In light of this decision, it was not necessary to consider your alternative grounds for seeking expedited processing. Your request has been assigned to a FOIA Specialist in this Office and is being processed at this time.

Please be advised that we have initiated records searches in the Offices of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General and we will notify you as soon as the searches are completed.

Your request is being processed by this Office on behalf of the Offices mentioned above. To the extent that you believe other Department of Justice components may maintain the records you are seeking, you may write directly to those components or submit your request to the FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit, Justice Management Division, and that Office will forward your request to the component(s) it believes most likely to have the records you want. The address for the FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit is as follows:

FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit
Justice Management Division
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

In accordance with Department of Justice regulation 28 C.F.R. § 16.3(c) (2001), this letter also confirms your agreement to incur all applicable fees involved in the processing of your request, up to the amount of \$25.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of your request, you may contact me at (202) 514-3642 or Meredith A. McFarland, the analyst handling this request, at (202)616-5461.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Ann Pustay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Melanie Ann Pustay
Deputy Director