



# Homeland Security

September 20, 2016

Evan Feeney  
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request 2016-IAFO-00220

Dear Mr. Feeney:

This letter is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), received in this office on July 12 2016, for information regarding DHS policies and actions involving the monitoring and surveillance of public protests surrounding police violence, policing reform, racial justice, and the Black Lives Matter movement ("BLM").

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) for records that would be responsive to your request. We were unable to locate or identify any responsive records

You have the right to appeal this determination that no responsive records exist in I&A. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. 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 requestors and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do or do not, exist.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal Agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov) or call 1-877-684-6448.

Your request has been assigned reference number 2016-IAFO-00220. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. You may contact this office at 202-447-3783 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brendan Henry", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Brendan Henry  
FOIA Officer