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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. ATFY17-068

Dear Mr. Sirota:

This letter responds to your March 28, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request for copies of “all correspondence to or from Makan Delrahim to or from employees of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division” including, but not limited to, emails to or from “mdelrahim@bhfs.com,” dated from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016. We received and assigned your request control number ATFY17-068 on March 29, 2017. Please refer to this control number in any future correspondence regarding your request.

Please be advised that we can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records responsive to your request. If records did exist, acknowledging communications between Antitrust Division employees and private individuals without their consent would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy. Such information is, accordingly, exempt from public disclosure in accordance with 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(6) and (7)(C).

If you consider my response¹ to be a denial of your request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may

¹ For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). 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 our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may contact Ronald Wiercioch, FOIA Public Liaison, at the telephone number listed above for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Ann Slates". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sue Ann Slates
Chief
FOIA/Privacy Act Unit