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RE: JMD FOIA # 115282, Civil Action No. 19-0070


Ms. Tillman:

I am responding on behalf of the Justice Management Division (JMD) to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 21, 2018, in which you requested “[a]ll versions, including original and amended versions, of an Office of Government Ethics (OGE) Form 278e submitted by Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker since October 1, 2017,” and all versions of the OGE 278-T.

We understand that you already received the certified versions of the OGE Form 278e submitted by Mr. Whitaker (2018 annual report and new entrant report). We are withholding 14 draft reports (seven annual and seven new entrant) under Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5) and (6), which cover certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege, and material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As to information protected by Exemption 6, we have determined that the privacy interests outweigh the public interest in disclosure. Mr. Whitaker did not file an OGE 278-T during his tenure at the Department.

If you have any questions about this response, you may contact Christopher Hair at (202) 252-2541.

Sincerely,

  
Arthur E. Gary  
General Counsel