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Via Certified Mail

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RE: Request No 1203982-001 (Jeffrey Epstein)

Dear Mr. Argall:

On April 25, 2013, following a finding that 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A) was inapplicable as a basis to withhold all records of past investigations, the FBI reopened the above-numbered FOIA request and stated that it had started its processing and searching for responsive records. On June 24, 2013, on Mr. Epstein's behalf, the FBI was informed that we would pay the costs of copying. On August 8, 2014, I was informed that the FBI had sent the first batch of processed pages to its Miami field office to authorize their release and on August 18, 2014, you informed me that the FBI had processed the first 500 pages, that 372 pages would be released, and that each successive 500 page batch would be processed on an average of every 60 days. On August 29, 2014, you informed me that you were in error on August 18, 2014 and that the Miami FBI had not approved the initial release. On September 16, 2014, you informed me that the Miami FBI had sent the first batch of processed documents to the United States Attorney's Office. We spoke again on October 16, 2014 when you informed me that the interim release had not yet cleared and on October 21, 2014, you informed me that the delay was due to the FBI's decision to conduct a second review to determine the necessity of further redactions, a review that you predicted would take another 30 to 60 days. It has now been over 18 months since the FBI commenced its processing of just the initial 500 page batch of documents. It has been far longer since the November 2012 FBI FOIA request that was initially rejected in its entirety.

I would request (a) that you provide me with a definite date when the processing of the first batch of documents will be concluded and then released to me on Mr.

Epstein's behalf, and (b) that you agree to expedite the processing of successive batches of 500 pages so that the current delay does not result in an overall delay of the FOIA required production. I make these requests without waiving Mr. Epstein's rights to pursue other remedies to assure that the FBI has made timely responses to his FOIA requests.

Yours truly,

Martin G. Weinberg

cc: David Hardy, Section Chief