

Good afternoon Mr. Hinsdale,

Please see my responses below in red and let us know if you have any further questions.

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I ask that the search be augmented or redone as needed to fulfill the original request as specified. Or, if the search was actually done with the criteria submitted and the criteria in the NIH confirmation are in error, can you please confirm that is what happened. **I apologize but there was a typo in our notification and partial response letters. Please be assured that the correct search criteria was used because we send a copy of the request out to the offices that conduct searches for responsive records.**

Thank you for clarifying which 6 of the 34 pages returned are ones within the scope of the search. I understand that can happen and that it can be cumbersome to separate things, and that is all fine, so long as any given document has at least some of what has been asked.

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As the request is now ongoing for four months, I ask for guidance as to whether it is taking that long as a matter of course, or due to some circumstances such as heavy volume, difficulties specific to this request, etc. I received the contact information for the Public Liason, and also understand I have other avenues of appeal provided by FOIA law. **Please be advised that our office has lost two staff members in the past few months due to various circumstances which has increased our backlog significantly. We hope to have any remaining records to you within the next few weeks.**

Please advise about the search criteria issue above. As well, I look forward to receiving the remainder of the documents requested.

Sincerely,

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Thank you,

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To: Bartok, Lauren (NIH/OD) [E] <lauren.bartok@nih.gov>
Cc: NIH FOIA <nihfoia@od.nih.gov>
Subject: Re: Partial Response to NIH FOIA Case 45289

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On Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 09:51:39PM +0000, NIH FOIA wrote:

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