



21 June 2017

Mr. Brett Max Kaufman  
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation  
125 Broad Street – 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004

Reference: F-2017-01947

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

On 15 June 2017, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 13 June 2017 Freedom of Information Act request, submitted on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, for:

- 1) **All agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other arrangements with foreign countries concerning the sharing between the United States and any other country of foreign-intelligence surveillance data.**
- 2) **All policies, guidelines, opinions, reports, and memoranda concerning:**
  - a. **The circumstances in which the United States may share foreign-intelligence surveillance data with another country.**
  - b. **Any limitations on the sharing of foreign-intelligence surveillance data with other countries.**
  - c. **The circumstances in which the United States may request or otherwise acquire electronic-surveillance data from another country.**
  - d. **Any limitations on the acquisition (whether by request or otherwise) of electronic-surveillance data from another country.**
  - e. **Any limitations on the United States' retention, use, or dissemination of electronic-surveillance data requested or otherwise acquired from another country, including the use of such data (or data derived from it) in civil, criminal, administrative, or other proceedings.**
  - f. **The circumstances, if any, in which the United States may request or otherwise acquire electronic-surveillance data from another country where the United States itself could not lawfully acquire the same data in the same manner.**

You have requested expedited processing. Generally, we handle all requests in the order we receive them; that is "first-in, first out." We make exceptions to this rule when a requester establishes a compelling need in accordance with our regulations. We have reviewed your request and determined it does not meet the criteria for expedited processing. Specifically, the request neither involves an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual, nor is it

made “by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, and the information is relevant to a subject of public urgency concerning an actual or alleged or Federal activity.” Therefore, we have determined that you have not established a “compelling need” for the information as set forth in 32 CFR § 1900.34. Your request for expedited processing is hereby denied. You may appeal this decision, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to appeal the denial of your request for expedited processing, you are encouraged to provide an explanation supporting your appeal.

Our officers will review your request and will advise you should they encounter any problems or if they cannot begin the search without additional information. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily. In accordance with our regulations, as a matter of administrative discretion, the Agency has waived the fees for this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison Fong", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allison Fong  
Information and Privacy Coordinator