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Re: AG/02-R0887  
ASG/02-R0888  
OLP/02-R0889  
OIP/02-R0890

Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 3, 2002, which was received in this Office on September 11, 2002, in which you requested records pertaining to the Department of Justice's implementation of Attorney General Ashcroft's October 12, 2001 memorandum on the Freedom of Information Act. This response is being made on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General, Associate Attorney General, Legal Policy, and Information and Privacy.

Some of the records you seek may be maintained outside of this Office and our staff has not yet been able to complete a search to locate all of the records that may be within the scope of your request. Accordingly, we will be unable to comply with the twenty-working-day time limit in this case, as well as the ten additional days provided by the statute. In an effort to speed up our records search, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records or agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located; or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options.

In accordance with Department of Justice regulation 28 C.F.R. § 16.3(c) (2002), this letter also confirms your agreement to incur all applicable fees involved in the processing of your request, up to the amount of \$25. In your letter I note that you agreed to pay fees up to \$100. Should we estimate that fees could exceed this amount, we will contact you.

I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact me at 202-616-5493

Sincerely,

Marilyn L. Falksen  
Senior FOIA Specialist