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FOIPA Request No.: 1143597- 000
Subject: HUGHES, MARK EDWARD

Dear Mr. Hughes:

This responds to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a search of the indices to our Central Records System, as well as the Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) Index. We were unable to identify responsive main file records. If you have additional information pertaining to the subject that you believe was of investigative interest to the Bureau, please provide us the details and we will conduct an additional search.

To the extent your FOIPA request seeks access to records that would either confirm or deny an individual's placement on any government watch list, please be advised that the U.S. Government can neither confirm nor deny whether a particular person is on any terrorist watch list. Maintaining the confidentiality of government watch lists is necessary to achieve the objectives of the U.S. Government, as well as to protect the privacy of individuals who may be on a watch list for a limited time and later removed. If the U.S. Government revealed who was listed on any government watch list, terrorists would be able to take actions to avoid detection by government authorities. Thus, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Exemptions 2 and 7(E), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(2) and (b)(7)(E), the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of certain records which would tend to indicate whether an individual is or ever was listed on any government terrorist watch list.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in any correspondence to us for proper identification of your request.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the FBI File Fact Sheet.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
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Enclosure