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January 26, 2017

Mr. Gabe Roth
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Re: DOJ-2017-001399 (ASG)
DRH:KJK

Dear Mr. Roth:

We have received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking records concerning former Deputy Associate Attorney General Neil Gorsuch from January 1, 2005, to December 31, 2006. Because you directed your request to the FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit, Justice Management Division, for appropriate routing, it was received by this Office on December 22, 2016. The EMRUFOIA tracking number for this request is 122216-3. This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Associate Attorney General.

Pursuant to your conversation with Douglas Hibbard of this Office on January 3, 2017, you indicated that, with regard to the portion of your request seeking all emails involving Mr. Gorsuch, at this time, your request would be satisfied by being provided the volume of email located as a result of our search.

The records you seek require a search in another Office, and so your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). Because of these unusual circumstances, we need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. For your information, we use multiple tracks to process requests, but within those tracks we work in an agile manner, and the time needed to complete our work on your request will necessarily depend on a variety of factors, including the complexity of our records search, the volume and complexity of any material located, and the order of receipt of your request. At this time we have assigned your request to the complex track. In an effort to speed up our process, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records so that it can be placed in a different processing track. You can also 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. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire into the FOIA mediation services they provide. OGIS can be contacted at the following:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 2510
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
Facsimile: (202) 741-5769
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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 by telephone at the above number or you may write to me at the Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Lastly, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number listed above to discuss any aspect of your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Kochurka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kim Kochurka
Government Information Specialist