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Via Electronic Mail

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## RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Hermilla :

On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union and American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund, and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educationa I Fund, Inc. (LDF), we request the inspection and copying of certain public records under the Freedom of Information Act , 5 U.S.C. §552, concerning activities undertaken by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division to investigate law enfor cement agencies (LEA) or officers pursuant to the Attorney \* H Q H U Duthonty under 34 U.S.C. §12601<sup>1</sup> (Section 12601) and 18 U.S.C. §242. Unless otherwise indicated, t his request is for information for the period beginning on January 1, 2017, to the present.

 $3 O H D V H E H D G Y L V H G W K D W 'G R F X P H Q W \mu P H D Q V Q R W H V correspondence, recordings or any writing of any kind whatsoever, e -mail messages and correspondence, drawings, graphs, charts, pho tographs, tape recordings, video footage, diaries, appointment books, calendars, telephone records, telephone messages,$ 

- 5. Any and all documents pertaining to any modification to DOJ policies, practices, processes, guidelines, regulations, or materials governing consent decrees or reform agreements with LEAs or local governments, including, but not limited to anything governing:
  - i. the decision to enter into a reform agreement or consent decree;
  - ii. which DOJ employees, staff, or components are authorized to approve or decide whether to enter into a reform agreement or consent decree;
  - iii. the process for negotiating reform agreements or consent decrees;
  - iv. the structure of reform agreements, consent decrees, or reform models;
  - v. the substantive components of reform agreements or consent decrees;
  - vi. outcome measures used to assess progress under reform agreements or consent decrees; and
  - vii. the selection and appointment of independent monitoring teams.
- 6. Any and all correspondence, including let ters, emails, and attachments, between DOJ and law enforcement, city, or county personnel or officials involved in existing reform agreements or consent decrees.
- 7. Any and all correspondence, including letters, emails, and attachments , between DOJ and representatives of police labor organizations, membership -based police organizations, or any other professional associations of current or former police officers that concerns reform agreements or consent decrees .
- 8. Any and all documents with information indicati ng the number of preliminary inquiries and investigations of LEA s opened, initiated, or given a case or other tracking number by the Civil Rights Division between January 1, 201 6, and the present, the date each case was opened or initiated, the identity of each LEA that is the subject of the preliminary inquiry or investigation, and the reasons for the preliminary inquiry or investigation (e.g., rac ial bias, excessive force (including sexual assault), First Amendment violations).
- 9. Any and all documents per taining to any preliminary inquiry or investigation of an LEA that was closed between January 1, 2016, and the present, including, but not limited to, information regarding the number of preliminary inquiries or investigations that have been c losed, the date each case was closed, the identity of each LEA that was the subject of the preliminary inquiry or investigation , the reasons for the preliminary inquiry or investigation , and the reasons the case was closed.

- 15. Any and all documents pertaining to complaints, allegations , reports, or referrals received by the Civil Rights Division for potential pattern or practice violations by an LEA between January 1, 2016, and the present, that were submitted by a federal, state, or local public official.
- 16. Any and all documents indicating the number of preliminary inquiries and investigations that have been opened between January 1, 2016, and the present by the Civil Rights Division , or other components of '2 H J 8 6 \$WWRUQH' offices) in consultation with the Civil Rights Division , pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §242 against law enforcement officer s.
- 17. Any and all documents indicating the number of recommendations made by career staff of the Civil Rights Division , or by other components of DOJ, between January 1, 2016, and the present to prosecute a law enforcement officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §242 and information on whether or not that