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William Ferroggiaro
National Security Archive
2130 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

This responds to your October 30, 2002, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records concerning this Department's implementation of U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft's October 12, 2001, memorandum on the FOIA.

A search was conducted of the various HHS components for responsive records. Although we located no interpretive or policy records, we are releasing 5 pages of records, including an outline of a briefing on the FOIA located within the Office the General Counsel.

There is no charge for FOIA services in this instance because the fees are below the Department's threshold of \$25. We are also cancelling your FOIA appeal (addressed to the Centers for Disease Control) for nonresponse, which is fulfilled by this response.

While we believe that an adequate search of appropriate files was conducted you have the right to appeal the finding that no additional records exist that are responsive to your request. Your appeal should be mailed within 30 days from the date of this letter, to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (Media), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 645-F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Washington, D.C. 20201. Clearly mark both the envelope and your letter "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

Sincerely yours,

Rosario Cirrincione
Director
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Enclosures