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Re: FOIA 08-296

Dear

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 11, 2008. Your request was received in this office on January 15, 2008. You requested a copy of the final investigation report pertaining to the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center.

The records you seek are maintained outside of this Office and we have not yet been able to complete a search to determine whether there are records within the scope of your request. Additionally, all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests are processed on a "first-in, first-out" basis, according to track. Due to the large number of FOIA requests our Agency has been receiving, we have a considerable backlog, and unfortunately a number of requests still remain in the queue. 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. Please be advised; however, responding to all FOIA requests as promptly as possible is a high priority for our Agency.

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 (301)-734-0490.

Sincerely,

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