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April 13, 2023

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RE: 2023-ICAP-00240, 2022-ICFO-10071

Dear Mr. Rubenstein:

This is in response to your email dated March 24, 2023, appealing the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office's response to your FOIA request, dated April 4, 2022, seeking records related to plans to reduce the immigration court backlog by administratively closing low priority cases. You specifically requested the records of:

Michael P. Davis Kerry E. Doyle Jason Houser Tae D. Johnson Christopher S. Kelly Patrick J. Lechleitner Corey A. Price John D. Tresvina Claire Trickler-McNulty

By letter dated January 24, 2023, the ICE FOIA office advised that a search of the ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) conducted a search for records and no responsive records were found. You have appealed the search that was conducted.

You have appealed the adequacy of the search. You have appealed the adequacy of the search. After reviewing the administrative record, ICE has determined that a new search(s), or modifications to the existing search(s), could be made. ICE is therefore remanding your appeal to the ICE FOIA Office for processing and re-tasking to the appropriate agency/office(s) to obtain any responsive documents, should they exist.

Should you have any questions regarding this appeal decision, please contact ICE at <u>ice-foia@dhs.gov</u>. In the subject line of the email please include the word "appeal," your appeal number, which is **2023-ICAP-00240**, and the FOIA case number, which is **2022-ICFO-10071**.

Sincerely,

Azadeh Rezvani
for Shiraz Panthaky
Chief

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