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SUBJECT: Response to Request for Records

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This memorandum documents the response to your memorandum of September 15, 2015, to Lee Lofthus, Assistant Attorney General for Administration, requesting the preservation and production of "all electronic and transactional records between any @clintonemail.com e-mail account" and thirty-nine (39) specified DOJ e-mail accounts (the FBI Memorandum); and a follow up email from Special Agent [redacted] to me of September 21, 2015, expanding the request to include "a general, or gateway, search of its [DOJ's] systems for any other electronic and transactional records involving the identified external e-mail domain [@clintonemail.com]."

b6 per FBI
b7C per FBI

In response to the FBI memorandum: (1) JMD confirmed notification to all of the current employees whose email addresses appeared in the FBI memorandum ("named custodians"); (2) JMD and the other components with named custodians searched the electronic information of the named custodians, including email and documents; (3) JMD and the other components with named custodians searched other potential sources of information, primarily paper, from the departed named custodians; and (4) JMD, EOUSA, and the Criminal Division performed email gateway server searches. Below is more detailed information on the notifications, searches and findings.

b3 per FBI HRC-5654
b7E per FBI

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Notification to Identified Potential Custodians

JMD contacted the Component Head or Chief of Staff for each component with a named custodian identified in the FBI Memorandum. JMD asked the Component Head or Chief of Staff to contact all the named custodians still with the Department and request a confirmation that the current named custodians understood their obligations under the FBI Memorandum. Each current named custodian confirmed notification and indicated an understanding of his/her obligation.

Searches of Electronic Information

JMD searched for any appearance of the @clintonemail.com domain in the electronic information (including email and documents) of current and departed named custodians from the components for which JMD maintains electronic information. JMD located a small number of documents containing the term, but no email between the @clintonemail.com and any named custodian. These documents were reviewed by the JMD Security and Emergency Planning Staff that oversees the DOJ classification program, and determined not to be subject to classification. The located documents do not appear to be relevant to your inquiry. Please contact me if you would like to receive copies of the located documents.

In addition to the named custodians in the components for which JMD maintains electronic information, there were also named custodians from the Civil Division, the Civil Rights Division, the Criminal Division, the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, and the Tax Division. Each of these components maintains its own information. Each of these components performed a search for any appearance of the @clintonemail.com domain address in the electronic information (including email and documents) of its current and departed named custodians. The Civil Division located 9 documents containing the term @clintonemail.com. A review of the content of the 9 records by the Civil Division confirmed that the responses were related to the Division's handling of Freedom of Information Act litigation, not communications between the custodian and the @clintonemail.com domain. Please contact Allison Stanton, Director of E-Discovery, FOIA, and Records, with the Civil Division at (202) 514-8315 if you would like to receive copies of the documents located by the Civil Division. No other documents containing the term were identified in any of these component searches.

Searches of Other Potential Sources of Information

Named custodians still with the Department performed their own searches of other potential sources of information in their control in accordance with the FBI Memorandum. Records personnel for JMD and records and other personnel for the non-JMD components with named custodians searched the other potential sources of information (primarily paper) of the departed named custodians.

No evidence or transactional record was located relating to communications between the email addresses specified in the FBI Memorandum and the @clintonemail.com email account as a result of these searches of other potential sources of information.

Email Gateway Searches

The JMD-managed Email Gateway Server logs metadata, including email addresses, associated with all incoming and outgoing e-mail traffic for every DOJ email address, except those in the FBI. The server log is maintained for a period of two years. JMD performed a search in the JMD-managed Email Gateway Server log for the @clintonemail.com domain covering the period of 2/3/2014 to 2/3/2016 and found no email to or from the @clintonemail.com domain.

JMD contacted the CIO or CIO representatives in every component with a custodian named in the FBI Memorandum and inquired whether they had a capability to search email or email logs that extended beyond the two year range of the JMD Email Gateway Server logs. Only EOUSA and the Criminal Division indicated such a capability. EOUSA and the Criminal Division performed their own email searches and neither found an appearance of an email to or from the @clintonemail.com domain.

Please contact me at (202) 598-2072 if you have any questions about any aspect of this response.