



Case Number 14-00257-F

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VIA FAX & EMAIL

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RE: Reformulated FOIA Request, Case Number 14-00257-F

Dear Ms. Myrick:

I am in receipt of your March 19, 2014 letter informing me that requests 1 through 6 of my original FOIA request concerning the “Hemisphere” program, dated February 5, 2014, were not specific enough. This letter constitutes a reformulated request, narrowing the scope of those requests.¹

EFF requests the DEA Headquarters in Springfield, Virginia and the Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco field divisions, as well as *all* the offices within those divisions, search for the following records dated between 2008 and the present:

1. Any and all DEA memoranda, policies, procedures, forms, training and practice manuals concerning the “Hemisphere” program produced or possessed by DEA headquarters, these field divisions or the offices within those divisions;
2. Information contained within the Investigative Reporting and Filing System (“IRFS”) concerning DEA headquarters, these field divisions, or the offices within those divisions’ use of “Hemisphere” to obtain records or data in the course of an investigation. Consistent with 28 C.F.R. § 50.2(b)(3), this request seeks only “incontrovertible, factual matters” limited to the name of a suspect charged in a criminal case as a result of evidence obtained through “Hemisphere,” the docket number of that criminal case, and the court of criminal prosecution, whether state or federal;

¹ Request #7 remains as originally drafted, as you indicated you would continue processing that request as initially submitted.

3. Any communications or discussions with AT&T or any other telecommunications providers concerning technical or legal difficulties the DEA headquarters or these DEA field divisions and the offices within the divisions have encountered in obtaining records and data through “Hemisphere;”
4. Any communications or discussions that DEA headquarters or these DEA field divisions and the offices within had with other law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), and state and local law enforcement agencies related to coordinating or managing the “Hemisphere” program, or any data obtained through “Hemisphere;”
5. Any contracts or compensation agreements DEA headquarters, these field divisions or the offices within these divisions had with AT&T or any other telecommunications provider concerning the “Hemisphere” program; and
6. Any communications, discussions, contracts or compensation agreements DEA headquarters, these field divisions or the offices within these divisions had with the following fusion centers related to coordinating or managing the “Hemisphere” program or any data obtained through “Hemisphere:” the California State Threat Assessment Center, Central California Intelligence Center, Northern California Regional Intelligence Center, Los Angeles Joint Regional Intelligence Center, Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center, and the San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center.

Should you have any further questions or concerns about this request, please don't hesitate to call, email or write me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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