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Re: AG/11-00958 (F)  
DAG/11-00959 (F)  
ASG/11-00960 (F)  
CLM:VRB:JBG

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 30, 2010, in which you requested various records concerning a six-boat flotilla headed to the Gaza Strip which was intercepted by the Israeli Defense Forces in the Mediterranean Sea in May 2010. Although your letter indicates that it was directed to the Mail Referral Unit, Justice Management Division, it was provided directly to this Office through the Department's counsel in Center for Constitutional Rights, Inc. v. Department of Defense et al., No. 11-3533 (S.D.N.Y.). As such, your request was not deemed received by this Office until July 12, 2011. This response is made on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Associate Attorney General.

Please be advised that searches were conducted in the Offices of the Deputy Attorney General and Associate Attorney General, and no records responsive to your request were located. We are continuing our search in the Office of the Attorney General. We will respond to you again once that search and any necessary consultations are completed.

Although I am aware that your request is the subject of ongoing litigation and that appeals are not ordinarily acted on in such situations, I am required by statute and regulation to inform you of your right to file an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

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Counsel, Initial Request Staff