



**FEMA**

**JUN 25 2012**

Ms. Julia Harumi Mass  
American Civil Liberties Union  
of Northern California  
39 Drumm Street  
San Francisco, California 94111

Re: **FEMA 12-555**

Dear Ms. Mass:

This acknowledges receipt of your March 9, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Justice (DOJ)/Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which was subsequently forwarded to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The FBI referred 113 pages of responsive document to FEMA for review and a direct response to you. You are seeking information regarding investigation and surveillance of Muslim communities in Northern California. Your request was received in this office on June 12, 2012.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although FEMA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. As your request seeks numerous documents that will necessitate a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS/FEMA will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner; however, there are currently 364 open requests ahead of yours.

Provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to media requestors. As a media requestor you will be charged 10-cents a page for duplication, although the first 100 pages are free. We will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. You will be contacted before any further fees are accrued.

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Please be assured that one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

More information concerning the FOIA and implementing DHS regulations is available on-line at: [www.dhs.gov/xfoia/editorial\\_0318.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xfoia/editorial_0318.shtm).

Your request has been assigned reference number **FEMA 12-555**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. You may contact this office at (202) 646-3323 or electronically at [FEMA-FOIA@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-FOIA@dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*for Pearl Robinson*  
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