



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, D.C. 20530

ACLU
125 Broad Street
18th Floor
New York, NY 10004
Attn: Melissa Goodman

May 15, 2009

File Number: 09-133

Dear Requester:

This letter is intended to acknowledge the receipt of your recent Freedom of Information Act request dated April 23, 2009. Your letter was received by the United States Department of Justice National Security Division on May 5, 2009, for information pertaining to any and all documents containing information regarding the detention and treatment of prisoners held at the Bagram Theater Internment Facility at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan, including records concerning the process afforded these prisoners to challenge their detention and designation as "enemy combatants".

A search for documents responsive to your request is being conducted. When the results of the search are known, every effort will be made to process your request as expeditiously as possible. It is our policy to process all Freedom of Information Act requests in chronological order based on the date we were in receipt of a perfected request.

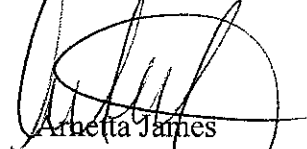
You have requested expedited processing of your request under the Department of Justice standards permitting expedition when a requester demonstrates a "compelling need." A compelling need is defined as follows:

1. Failure to obtain requested records on an expedited basis could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or
2. With respect to a request made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity.

You have demonstrated that there is a particular urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity. Therefore, we have determined that your request for expedited processing should be granted.

Your continued patience is appreciated. Please continue to use the file number indicated above in all future correspondence with this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arnetta James', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Arnetta James
Freedom of Information Act
Initiatives Coordinator