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Re: DOJ-2016-003626 (AG)  
DOJ-2016-003627 (OLP)  
D.D.C. No. 17-410  
DRC:ACS

Dear Ms. Amlani:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on June 15, 2016, in which you requested records relating to evidence-based practices in sentencing, including policies, guidelines, source codes, and validation studies. This response is made on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General and Legal Policy.

Please be advised that searches have been conducted in the Offices of the Attorney General and Legal Policy pertaining to Parts (4) and (5) of your request. No responsive records were located as a result of these searches. We are continuing to review and process material that is responsive to Parts (1), (2), and (3) of your request. As this material contains information of interest to other entities, we can respond only after consulting with them regarding their information. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(c)(1) (2017).

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2015) (amended 2016). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Alex Shoaibi of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, at 202-252-2511.

Sincerely,

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Senior Attorney