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Re: Appeal No. AP-2015-04543
Request No. 2015-02312
MWH:RRK

VIA: E-Mail

Dear Mr. Takei:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning a visit by BOP officials to a "Detention Site Cobalt" in November 2002.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming BOP's action on your request. BOP informed you that it could locate no responsive records subject to the FOIA in its files. I have determined that BOP's action was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for such records. BOP searched multiple divisions of its Central Office, including the Correctional Programs Division, Administrative Division, Office of the General Counsel, and information, Policy, Public Affairs Division.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of BOP in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road,

College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

9/10/2015

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