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To:

Subject: Vermont Public Records Act requested, dated June 19, 2020

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Attachments: Pollard PRA 10-day letter protests 6.26.20.pdf

Please see attached.

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Via email to

June 26, 2020

Michael Pollard

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Re: Vermont Public Records Act request, dated June 19, 2020

Dear Mr. Pollard:

I write in follow-up to my voicemail today in response to your pending request for public records, dated June 19, 2020 and received today. You requested:

- 1. Written, electronic, and telephonic communications sent or received from 5/25/20 through 6/19/20 by Attorney General Thomas Donovan or Office of the Attorney General senior staff (including but not limited to Chief Deputies, Assistant Attorneys General, Senior Advisers, the Chief of Staff, and the Communications Director), that mention any of the following terms:
 - o Protest
 - o Riot
 - o Looting
 - o Antifa
 - o Anti-fascists
 - o Police
- 2. Written, electronic, and telephonic communications sent or received from 5/25/20 through 6/19/20 by Attorney General Thomas Donovan or Office of the Attorney General senior staff, that mention local law enforcement requests for assistance.
- 3. Written, electronic, and telephonic communications between protest organizers and Attorney General Thomas Donovan or Office of the Attorney General senior staff, sent or received from 5/25/20 through 6/19/20.

As I mentioned in my voicemail, I need you to clarify which staff members you would like to be included in our search for records requested. The scope of your request extended to, "Attorney General Thomas Donovan or Office of the Attorney General senior staff (including but not limited to Chief Deputies, Assistant Attorneys General, Senior Advisers, the Chief of Staff, and the Communications Director)." I would consider the staff members listed below to be senior staff of the Vermont Attorney General's Office. This list does not include Assistant Attorneys General, of which there are about 80, or the chiefs and directors of our various divisions and units.

T.J. Donovan, Attorney General
Joshua Diamond, Deputy Attorney General
Sarah E.B. London, Chief Assistant Attorney General
Charity R. Clark, Chief of Staff
Lauren Jandl, Assistant Director of Communications
Will Sudbay, Scheduler and Assistant to the Attorney General

Please let me know if the above list meets your needs or if you would like something more expansive.

In my voicemail, I also mentioned Paragraph 3 of your request, which asks for records related to "protest organizers." In order for us to identify records responsive to your request, you will need to identify the names and/or emails addresses and/or phone numbers of these individuals.

You can make these clarifications to me by email at charity.clark@vermont.gov or phone at 802-917-1993.

Finally, pursuant to the Vermont Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 318(b)(5)(A), the Attorney General's Office will need to invoke its right to an extension of the deadline to 10 business days. The new deadline for this request is July 13, 2020. Once you provide the requested clarification, we will move ahead with preparing a cost estimate for this request.

/s/
Charity R. Clark
Chief of Staff