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Re: AG/09-R0712
LAD:VAV

Dear Mr. Olsen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 19, 2009, which was received in this Office on May 29, 2009, in which you requested a copy of the current policy of the United States Department of Justice regarding state-authorized medical use of marijuana. This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General.

Because the records you seek requires a search in another Office, our staff has not yet been able to complete its search to determine whether there are records within the scope of your request. Accordingly, we will be unable to comply with the twenty-working-day time limit in this case, as well as the ten additional days provided by the statute. In an effort to speed up our records search, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records or agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located; or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options.

I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact me by telephone at the above number or you may write to me at Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Lastly, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number listed above to discuss any aspect of your request.

Sincerely,

Valeree A. Villanueva
FOIA Specialist