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Mr. Carl Olsen
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Re: Appeal No. 2010-0256
Request No. 09-R0712
CAS:CDT

Dear Mr. Olsen:

You appealed from the action of the Initial Request Staff (IR Staff) of the Office of Information Policy on your request for records maintained by the Office of the Attorney General pertaining to the "new" Department of Justice Policy on state medical marijuana laws.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the IR Staff's action on your request. By letter dated September 8, 2009, the IR Staff informed you that it could locate no records responsive to your request. I have determined that IR Staff's response was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for records responsive to your request.

Please note that subsequent to your appeal, formal guidelines were issued by Attorney General Eric Holder regarding your request. I have attached a copy of Deputy Attorney General David W. Ogden's memorandum dated October 19, 2009 concerning investigations and prosecutions in states authorizing the use of medical marijuana. I trust this information is helpful.

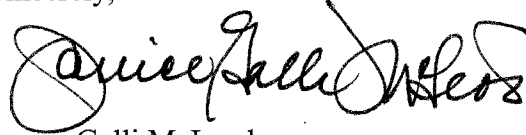
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If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, you may file a lawsuit in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice Galli McLeod". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Janice Galli McLeod
Associate Director

Enclosure