

## U.S. Department of Justice

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds further to your letters to the Department of Justice (the Department) regarding hiring practices at the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), and specifically to your requests for information regarding the recruitment and hiring of Donald Lenzie.

We have enclosed a set of documents identified to date that provide further clarification regarding the recruitment and hiring of Mr. Lenzie, as well as certain additional documents for context. We are designating these documents as confidential under our agreement regarding routine privacy concerns. Pursuant to and in reliance on the agreement that we reached with your staff on this issue, the enclosed documents do not contain routine redactions for non-managerial personnel names and routine privacy concerns, although we have redacted home addresses and personal contact information. In addition to the privacy issues implicated, we also note that some of these documents contain sensitive information regarding billing rates for Forfeiture Support Associates that may cause competitive harm if disclosed. Consistent with our confidentiality agreement, we respectfully reiterate our request for notice and an opportunity to redact such information prior to any dissemination.

We also have made limited redactions in these documents for law enforcement or other sensitive information unrelated to the Committee's inquiry regarding Mr. Lenzie, that, if revealed, could undermine the Department's ability to effectively discharge its responsibilities. A small number of documents that provide additional information that include certain pre-decisional and deliberative information are not included in this production; however, as part of our efforts to accommodate the Committee's information needs in this matter, we are prepared to make these documents available to the Committee for *in camera* review with only limited redactions for law enforcement or other sensitive information. We would be happy to work with your staff to find a convenient time to schedule the *in camera* review.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On a small number of documents, we have provided the excerpted page that contains the information relevant to Mr. Lenzie.

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As previously discussed with your staff, this set of documents is not intended to be an exhaustive response to all of the requests in your letters, and it reflects documents identified to date. Our review remains ongoing, as does the OIG's independent investigation of numerous allegations raised in your letters. We will continue to make documents available to the Committee on a rolling basis based on the priority areas identified by your staff, and we will continue to share those documents with OIG to aid its review.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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## Enclosure

cc:

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy Ranking Member

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice