



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

FEB 1, 2017

Dear Requester,

Re: Records regarding Sergei Magnitsky, Magnitsky Act and the activities and personal activities of William F. Browder

This is in response to your request dated 01/26/2017, which was received on 01/27/2017. We have assigned Case Control Number F-2017-01251 and will begin the processing of your request based upon the information provided in your communication.

The cut-off date is the date the search is initiated unless you have provided a specific timeframe.

We have considered your request for a fee waiver. Based upon the information provided in your letter, your request for a fee waiver has been granted; therefore, your request will be processed at no charge to you.

Our published regulations regarding expedited processing, 22 C.F.R. § 171.11(b), require a specific showing of a compelling need. Expedited processing is granted only in the following situations: (1) imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; (2) urgently needed by an individual primarily engaged in disseminating information in order to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity and the information is urgently needed in that a particular value of the information would be lost if not disseminated promptly; (3) substantial humanitarian reasons; or (4) time of substantial due process rights. Your request does not meet any of the established criteria. Regrettably, I must advise that you have not provided adequate justification for expedited processing. However, you may be assured that we will make every effort to process your request in as timely a manner as possible. For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of the Department's expeditions processing criteria.

If you wish to appeal the denial of expedited processing, you may write to the Response Liaison Division, at the address below, within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.

Certain circumstances (including the number and location of Department components involved in responding to your request, the volume of requested records, etc.) may arise that would require additional time to process your request.

We will notify you as soon as responsive material has been retrieved and reviewed. Should you wish to interview, you may call our FOIA Response Service Center at (202) 261-4884 or send an email to FOIAresponse@state.gov. Please refer to the Case Control Number in any communication.

Sincerely,

Requester Communications Branch  
Office of Information Programs & Services