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Mr. David G. Pflum
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Re: OLP/15-00524 (F)
OLP/15-00618 (F)
VRB:LAD:SBT

Dear Mr. Pflum:

This responds to your two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests dated October 24, 2014, and October 27, 2014, and received in this Office on October 30, 2014, and November 3, 2014, respectively, in which you requested the Senate Confirmation documents, Appointment Affidavits, Oaths of Office, and Presidential Commissions pertaining to judges Sam A. Crow, James L. Robart, Miranda Du, and Thomas O. Rice. This response is made on behalf of the Office of Legal Policy.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the Office of Legal Policy and twelve records, totaling twelve pages, were located that are responsive to your request. I have determined that nine documents, totaling nine pages, are appropriate for release without excision and copies are enclosed. Also enclosed are three documents, totaling three pages, that are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. None of the information being withheld is appropriate for discretionary disclosure.

Additionally, please be advised that while we did not locate the documents you requested pertaining to Judge Sam A. Crow, this does not mean that these documents do not exist, nor does it mean that this judge is not duly authorized. The Department of Justice is not the official repository for this type of record; therefore, not all documents are forwarded to OLP for inclusion in its files. For your information, OLP, for which this Office processes FOIA requests, maintains records pertaining to all sitting federal judges, except magistrate, bankruptcy, Tax Court, Veterans Appeals Court and military Courts of Appeal judges. Records relating to all federal judges are maintained by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AOUSC). As AOUSC is an entity within the judicial branch, it is not subject to the FOIA. Although the policy of the AOUSC is to not release documents to the public, should you wish to contact that entity for records pertaining to Judge Crow, the address follows:

Judges Compensation and Retirement Services Office
Administrative Office of the United States Courts
One Columbus Circle, NE
Washington, DC 20544

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2013). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through this Office's eFOIA portal at www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html. Your appeal must be received within sixty days from the date of this letter. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "V. Brinkmann".

for

Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel

Enclosures