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Case No. 18-0351-FOIA

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Sent via email:

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Dear Ms. Abritis:

This office is presently conducting a review of our pending Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to ascertain if the information subject to the request is still desired. Your September 26, 2018, FOIA request is a part of this review (copy enclosed).

We apologize for the delay in responding to your request. However, because of the increasing number of requests received by the Department of Health & Human Services, we found it necessary to adopt the ruling in the case of <u>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution</u> Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976) and exercise due diligence by following a first-in, first-out FOIA processing.

If you are still interested in pursuing this request, please provide a response via e-mail to Nusheen.Sikandar@hhs.gov, or postal mail to Department of Health and Human Services FOIA Office, Suite 729H, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201, or fax transmission on (202) 690-8320. If we have not received this letter within 30 business days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in continuing to pursue the request and it will be administratively closed.

For further information concerning this matter, please contact Kris Zadrovitz, Government Information Specialist, <u>kristine.zadrovitz@hhs.gov</u>

Sincerely yours,

Arianne Perkins Director, Initial FOIA Requests FOI/Privacy Acts Division