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Mr. Eric Bolinder Cause of Action 1919 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 650 Washington, DC 2006

Re: FOIA Request # 201500009F

Dear Mr. Bolinder:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank). We received your request in our FOIA Office via U.S. Certified Mail on November 20, 2014. You requested "the text messages, Blackberry messenger chats and SMS messages sent or received by the following employees or the person currently holding the named position from November 2, 2014 to November 8, 2014:

- Fred P. Hochberg, Chairman and President
- Scott P. Schloegel, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff
- Bradley Carroll, Senior Vice President, Communications
- Erin Gulick, Senior Vice President, Congressional Affairs
- Gaurab Bansal, Deputy Chief of Staff."

We conducted a comprehensive search of the files within the Office of Resource Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, IT Security and Systems Assurance for records that would be responsive to your request. This is the component within Ex-Im Bank in which responsive records could reasonably be expected to be found. The search produced the attached records. The messages for Fred P. Hochberg and Gaurab Bansal are partially releasable. Any redactions are accompanied by the corresponding FOIA exemption:

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Also, in regards to the messages for Bradley Carroll and Erin Gulick, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records. In addition, the messages for Scott P. Schloegel were accidently deleted on approximately January 1, 2015. Enclosed is signed declaration from Mr. Schloegel attesting to the deletion.

You have the right to appeal the action on this request by writing to the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Attention: Assistant General Counsel for Administration, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20571. Any appeal must be received by that office within 30 days from the date of this letter. You may also submit an appeal via E-Mail at FOIA.Appeals@exim.gov. The phrase "FOIA APPEAL" should appear on the letter and on the outside of the envelope containing the appeal or in the "Subject" line of the E-Mail.

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 (2010). 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 of our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Ex-Im Bank's FOIA regulations at 12 C.F.R.404.9 (a) state that Ex-Im Bank shall charge fees to recover the full allowable direct cost it incurs in processing request, but as a courtesy, we are waiving all fees.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Ms. Lennell Jackson at (202) 565-3290 or by E-Mail at Lennell.Jackson@exim.gov.

Sincerely,

David M. Sena Chief FOIA Officer

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