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Re: Your Public Records Request

Dear Attorney Horner and Mr. Richardson:

This letter is in response to your public records request made pursuant to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, G.L. c. 66, § 10. In a March 31, 2016 letter sent by email to our Office, you requested copies of records held by the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) "describing the Attorney General's Office's efforts relating to RICO," specifically as follows:

1. [C]opies of all emails, including attachments, [dated from January 1, 2016 through the date we process this request], sent to or from (including also as cc: or bcc:) employees of the Office of the Attorney General,¹ except secretarial/ administrative staff, which correspondence uses any of the following terms, anywhere in the email, including in the body, To, From, cc: and/or bcc: or Subject fields:
 - a. 'RICO'
 - b. 'climate denial'
 - c. 'climate denier'
 - d. 'climate risk'
 - e. 'Whitehouse'

¹ In an April 7, 2016 phone conversation, you modified your request to seek records exclusively in the possession of the AGO's Environmental Protection Division.

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2. [C]opies of all correspondence between employees of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, except secretarial/administrative staff, and employees of the New York Attorney General's Office, dated between March 20, 2016 and March 30, 2016.²

Please be advised that we are in the process of searching for records that may be responsive to your request and subject to disclosure under the public records law, G.L. c. 66, § 10 and G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26. You will let you know as soon as possible of the progress of our search and what costs are associated with providing you with responsive records that are not otherwise exempt from disclosure.

Very truly yours,



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² Based on additional text within your letter, we interpret this part of your request to seek records related to "a recent effort with other attorneys general of various other states and territories to investigate 'climate denial.'" Please let us know if we have erred in this interpretation.