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Via Electronic Mail

Edward Hasbrouck
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Re: Complaint No. 11-01-DHS-0044

Dear Mr. Hasbrouck:

Thank you for your January 31, 2011, e-mail message to the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL). The following are CRCL's responses to the numbered questions and concerns you raised:

1) CRCL is the Office designated as the DHS point of contact for Executive Order 13107, as described on our website. See http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/gc_1270753945508.shtm. The Executive Order itself is also listed as one of our authorities at http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/laws/gc_1273522287782.shtm.

2 and 3) We received your complaints on August 10, 2010. As we informed you by letter dated August 13, 2010, we were initially unclear that you intended each of the attachments you included as a complaint. We received confirmation on this point from you on October 21, 2010, and therefore began to process your complaints at that time.

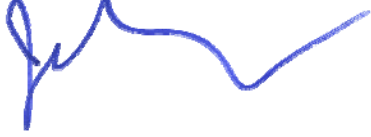
4) We have docketed your complaints, together, as alleging violations of international human rights by DHS or DHS components. We have chosen to docket all the complaints with one reference number, because that makes our processing of them more efficient. However, we have recorded that you have raised nine separate allegations. As you already know, the reference number we have assigned is 11-01-DHS-0044.

I apologize that no one has been available to discuss this matter with you by phone. Although CRCL can be reached by phone (as described on our website and elsewhere), the processing issues you raise are specific enough that it seemed more appropriate in this case to communicate in writing, to avoid further misunderstanding.

I appreciate your patience with our process. We continue to work diligently on this matter and will follow up with you in writing as our review progresses. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact CRCL.

Regards,

Jeffrey S. Blumberg

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey S. Blumberg'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'J' and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

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