

**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ**

May 11, 2016

FOI Administrator

Mr. Andrew Tangel  
The Wall Street Journal  
1211 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10034

Re: Appeal of Freedom of Information No. 16613

Dear Mr. Tangel:

This is in furtherance of our April 15, 2016 letter transmitting the decision of the Port Authority Freedom of Information Review Board (the "FIRB") in connection with the February 17, 2016 appeal of your January 13, 2016 Freedom of Information request.

The FIRB unanimously denied the appeal as set forth in the response from Freedom of Information Administrator Danny Ng, dated February 12, 2016, the Port Authority does not possess the lease requested.

The FIRB further unanimously determined that within 30 days the Office of Secretary shall detail in writing and certify the: (1) the search undertaken to satisfy the request; (2) a statement of the document retention/destruction policy at issue; and (3) the last date on which documents that may have been responsive to the request were destroyed.

Attached is a certification covering the areas outlined in the FIRB decision.

Please refer to the above FOI reference number in any future correspondence relating to your request.

Sincerely,



Danny Ng  
FOI Administrator

Enclosure

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**  
**CERTIFICATION OF DILIGENT SEARCH FOR**  
**REQUESTED DOCUMENTS**

I, Danny Ng, Freedom of Information (“FOI”) Officer in the Office of the Secretary of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, hereby certify that:

1. With regard to Freedom of Information Request No. 16613, a diligent search was conducted by Port Authority staff to locate the requested records pertaining to a lease agreement whose final terms were approved by the Port Authority’s Committee on Operations in September 2000, concerning the Farley post office building in Manhattan. The relevant minutes concerning this final lease agreement are located at this link on the Port Authority’s website: <http://corpinfo.panynj.gov/documents/committee-on-operations-minutes-17/> and <http://corpinfo.panynj.gov/documents/board-minutes-42/>. This request also includes any and all attachments, exhibits, riders and memos that accompany the lease. A search for such documents was conducted by the FOI Coordinators of the Real Estate, Planning and Law Departments, which would be the designated owner(s) of a record such as the requested records, to the extent that they exist. On January 14, 2016, the Supervising Management Analyst of the Real Estate Department conducted a complete and thorough search of the Real Estate Department’s records for a final lease and found no documents responsive to Freedom of Information Request No. 16613. On January 14, 2016, the Manager, Regional Transportation Policy of the Planning Department conducted a complete and thorough search of the Planning Department’s records for a final lease and found no documents responsive to Freedom of Information Request No. 16613. On January 15, 2016, an Attorney of the Law Department conducted a complete and thorough search of the Law Department’s records for a final lease and found no documents responsive to Freedom of Information Request No. 16613.
2. The Port Authority’s Records Retention Schedule provides for a retention period of 10 years after lease expiration. A diligent search of Official Files maintained by the Office of the Secretary was conducted by the Records Management Officer of the Office of the Secretary, and no records were found indicating that any records responsive to this request were destroyed pursuant to the Port Authority’s Records Retention Schedule.
3. A diligent search was conducted by the FOI Coordinators of the Real Estate, Planning and Law Departments, and found no records indicating destruction of the final lease agreement requested.

This certification is provided by me as Freedom of Information Officer of and on behalf of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.



Danny Ng  
Freedom of Information Officer  
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey