



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re: FOIA-2017-01133
Wholefoods/Amazon

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This is in response to your request dated July 06, 2017 under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to communications between the DOJ and the FTC concerning a merger between Whole Foods and Amazon. In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records, as of July 06, 2017, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

The Commission's fee regulations specify that fees less than \$25 will be waived. *See* 16 C.F.R. § 4.8(b)(4). Because the fees associated with the processing of your request did not exceed \$25, we have processed your request free of charge.

This letter notifies you that any documents our search may have located would be exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 7(A), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A), because disclosure of that material could reasonably be expected to interfere with the conduct of the Commission's law enforcement activities. *See Robbins Tire & Rubber Co. v. NLRB*, 437 U.S. 214 (1978).

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, within 90 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from the FTC FOIA Public Liaison Richard Gold via telephone at 202-326-3355 or via e-mail at rgold@ftc.gov; or from the Office of Government Information Services via email at ogis@nara.gov, via fax at 202-741-5769, or via mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740.

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request or about the FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Brian Welke at 202-326-2897.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dione J. Stearns".

Dione J. Stearns
Assistant General Counsel