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RE: Public Records Request (Gov't Code Section 6250 et seq)

Dear Ms. Lye:

Pursuant to California Government Code section 6253(c), I write in response to the public records requests that you made to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office ("ACSO") regarding the "unmanned aerial drones." Your request was received on or about October 16, 2012. We are submitting this response within the 10 day period for response described in Government Code section 6253(c).

ACSO does have public records responsive to some of your requests. However, for each of your requests we request clarification of the clause "other forms of aerial surveillance," as this phrase is too vague to allow ACSO to search for any specific types of records you may be requesting.

The Sheriff's Office will not produce documents that are privileged or otherwise exempt from disclosure pursuant to California Government Code section 6254 (k). This includes documents protected by the attorney-client privilege.

No preliminary drafts or memorandum not normally kept in the ordinary course of business will be produced pursuant to California Government Code section 6254(a).

The Sheriff's Office will not produce documents reflecting its law enforcement security procedures under California Government Code section 6254(f).

The Sheriff's Office will not produce documents exempt from disclosure under the deliberative process privilege. (*See Times Mirror Co. v. Superior Court* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 1325.)

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CONCLUSION

Following clarification of the records you seek, and upon locating responsive records, ACSO will determine the costs for the production of the documents. Upon receipt of payment from you, ACSO will produce those documents. ACSO will have the cost estimate to you within a reasonable time after your clarifications have been received. For those records that can already be identified as responsive, ACSO will provide a cost estimate by November 9, 2012.

Very truly yours,

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