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VIA EMAIL: andrew.ryan@Globe.com

Dear Mr. Ryan:

I am writing in response to your records request to the Office of the Governor, dated July 1, 2016, seeking communications and other documents sent:

- (i) "[F]rom Will Keyser or Eileen O'Connor to the offices of the [G]overnor and [L]ieutenant [G]overnor, and all employees thereof, since January 2015," and
- (ii) "[F]rom Jim Conroy (a.k.a. James Conroy) to the offices of the [G]overnor and [L]ieutenant [G]overnor, and all employees thereof, since [Mr.] Conroy left state government in early March." [1]

Please find attached a PDF containing records that this Office has found to be responsive to your request. Certain responsive documents have been withheld or redacted consistent with the public records law as interpreted by the Supreme Judicial Court.

Sincerely,

Cathy M. Judd-Stein

Cathy Judd Stein

Please note that the Office of the Governor is not one of the instrumentalities enumerated in G.L. c. 4, §7, cl. 26, and therefore its records are not subject to disclosure under the public records law. The Supreme Judicial Court has so held. See Lambert v. Executive Director of the Judicial Nominating Council, 425 Mass. 406, 409 (1997). Notwithstanding Lambert, it is the voluntary practice of the Office to consider and to respond to public records requests on a case-by-case basis.