

**THOMAS J. DONOVAN, JR.**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

**JOSHUA R. DIAMOND**  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

**WILLIAM E. GRIFFIN**  
CHIEF ASST. ATTORNEY  
GENERAL



TEL: (802) 828-3171  
FAX: (802) 828-3187

<http://www.ago.vermont.gov>

**STATE OF VERMONT**  
**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
109 STATE STREET  
MONTPELIER, VT  
05609-1001

August 1, 2017

Craig E. Richardson  
President, E&E Legal  
Richardson@EELegal.org

Chaim Mandelbaum  
Executive Director, FME Law Clinic  
Chaim12@gmail.com

Re: July 25, 2017 Letter

Dear Mr. Richardson and Mr. Mandelbaum:

I write in response to your letter to the Attorney General's Office dated July 25, 2017. You seek to "appeal" the Attorney General's Office response to your June 9, 2017 public records act request. You requested: "records held by the Office of the Attorney General, and/or any of its present agents or employees and/or Mr. Sorrell, which meet the following description: All correspondence sent to or from the email address whsorrell@gmail.com which correspondence was also sent to or from the Attorney General of New York, Eric Schneiderman, at any address whether it be a "@oag.ny.gov", "@ag.ny.gov," or a non-official address/account. Records responsive to this request will be dated from March 1, 2016 through January 5, 2017, inclusive."

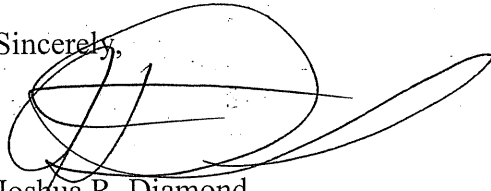
After advising you of the need for additional time to conduct the search, the AGO advised you on July 19, 2017 that it has no records responsive to your request.

Using software provided by the Vermont Agency of Digital Services, the Attorney General's Office queried the accounts of all current and former employees of the Attorney General's Office, including the former Attorney General, during the time period you identified. The AGO carefully reviewed all records of the former Attorney General during the relevant time period, and spent over three hours running the search you requested. As a courtesy, the Attorney General's Office also consulted with the New York Attorney General's Office. As you know, both the Vermont and the New York Attorney General's Office have advised you that they do not have records responsive to your request. The Vermont Attorney General's Office has not charged you for any time spent in processing your request.

Craig E. Richardson  
Chaim Mandelbaum  
August 1, 2017  
Page 2

Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318(a)(4), the Attorney General's Office certifies that there are no records that are responsive to your request. The Attorney General's Office is not the custodian of the former Attorney General's gmail account.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Diamond", written over a large, light-colored oval scribble.

Joshua R. Diamond  
Deputy Attorney General