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Jodi Cohen  
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Re: FOIA #14-073

Dear Ms. Cohen:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request of February 6, 2014, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

- “All communications, including but not limited to e-mails, voicemail transcriptions, letters and memos, written and/or sent between the following University of Illinois at Chicago employees and Intuitive Surgical Inc., or any person or company working on Intuitive’s behalf. The employees are: Myriam Davis, Dr. Antonio Gangemi, Dr. Francesco Bianco, Melissa Murphy, Maria Lopez, Dr. Enrico Benedetti, Dr. Pier Giulianotti, Leadra Jones, Dr. Enrique Elli, Daniela Nita, Jose Moreno, Dr. Bernard Pygon.
- All communications written or sent by the above employees regarding Intuitive Surgical Inc., the da Vinci Surgical System, and/or the advertisement they appeared in related to the company.
- All communications between the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, or their representatives, and Intuitive Surgical Inc. or the company’s representatives.
- All communications sent to or from University of Illinois President Robert Easter, University of Illinois at Chicago chancellor Paula Allen-Meares, or any members of the Board of Trustees regarding Intuitive Surgical Inc. and/or the advertisement that the UIC employees appeared in regarding this company.
- All compensation, benefits, medical equipment or devices, parts for medical equipment or devices, discounts, free products or services or training, paid to or given to the above employees and/or the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System and/or the University of Illinois from Intuitive Surgical, Inc., the da Vinci Surgical System or on behalf of the company.”

On February 18, 2014, our office advised that we were still gathering and reviewing documents responsive to your request. In consideration of your deadline, for the limited purpose of this request, we provided you with information responsive to a portion of your request. Our partial response to you numbered 214 pages. On February 20, 2014, we provided an additional 171 pages of records and advised that we were continuing to search for and review additional responsive records. This search has been completed and no additional responsive records could be located.

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You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us), or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer