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Dear Mr. Kick:

This responds to your request dated November 13, 2016, to INTERPOL Washington, U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for "briefing materials and information relating to the Presidential transition."

We received your request on November 13, 2016. Please refer to the above FOIA number assigned to your request in any additional correspondence. The USNCB has adopted a "multi-track processing" of FOIA requests based on the estimated amount of work and time needed to process the request. The criteria for assignment to a specific track can be found in the Department of Justice FOIA Regulations at 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b). Your request has been assigned to the simple track.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

After carefully reviewing the records responsive to your request, we have determined that they are appropriate for release in full, copies of which are enclosed.

For your information, the U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Management Division (JMD), is coordinating the Presidential transition briefing for all components of the Department of Justice. Based on the type of records that you appear to be seeking, you might wish to make a request to JMD for the records that you seek. More information about JMD can be found on their website, <https://www.justice.gov/jmd>. Information on how to make a FOIA request can be found on JMD's FOIA website, <https://www.justice.gov/jmd/jmd-foia>.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number listed below for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact INTERPOL Washington FOIA Service Center at (202) 616-0201.

Sincerely,



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INTERPOL Washington, United States National Central Bureau

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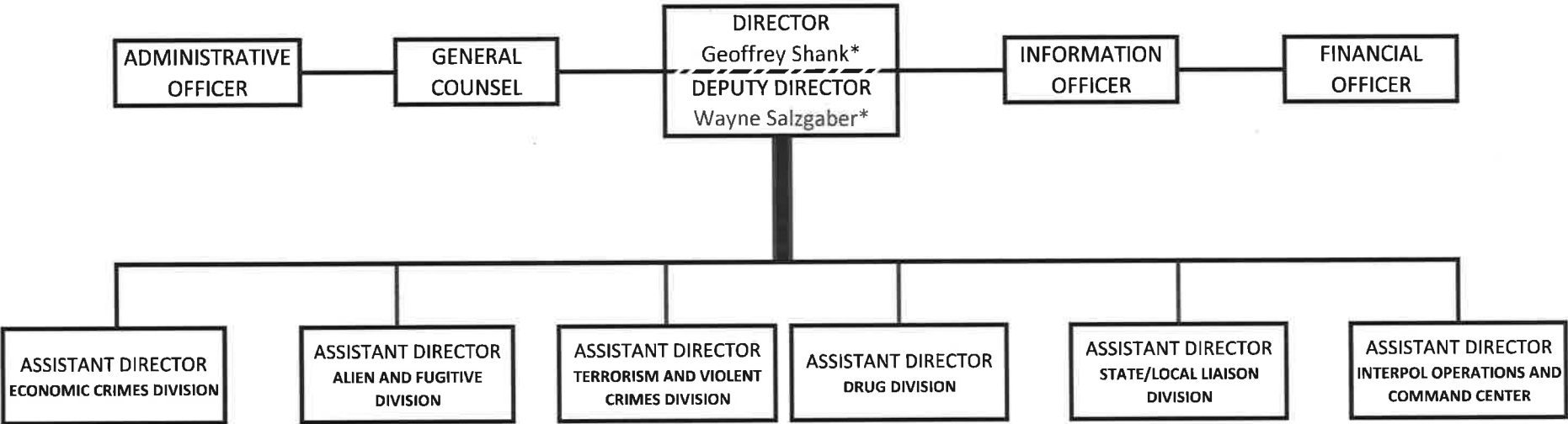
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- Transmit criminal justice, humanitarian, and law enforcement-related information between the National Central Bureaus of INTERPOL member countries and the United States law enforcement agencies both domestic and abroad; respond to requests by law enforcement agencies and other legitimate requests by organizations and institutions when in agreement with the INTERPOL constitution.
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- Support the U.S. representative of the INTERPOL Executive Committee.

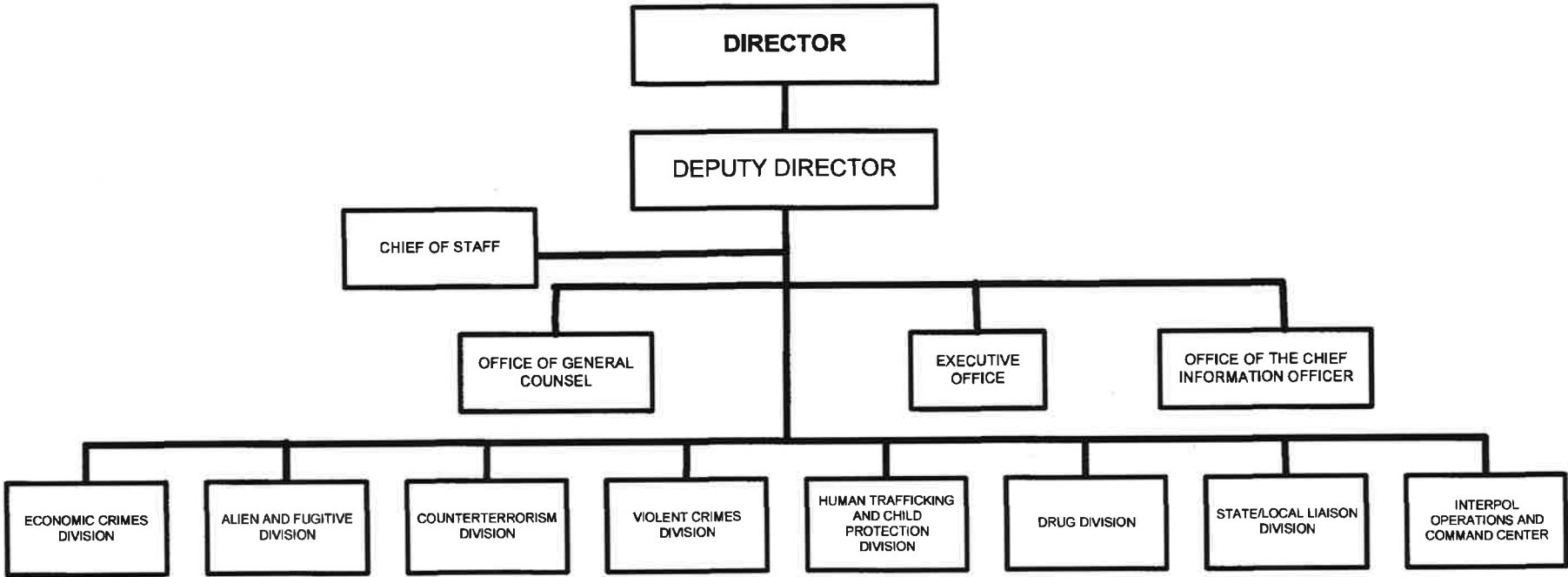
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