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Dear Ms. Nguyen:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 108920.

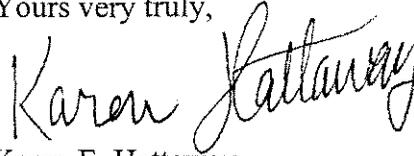
The City of Houston Police Department (the "police department") received a request for its policies relating to suicide calls. You have submitted the responsive portions of the police department's General Orders Manual to this office for review. You note that we concluded in Open Records Letter No. 96-1306 (1996) that these portions of the manual are excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. You contend that these portions of the manual continue to be excepted from disclosure under section 552.108. We agree.

Section 552.108 excepts from disclosure "[i]nformation held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime," and "[a]n internal record or notation of a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that is maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement or prosecution." Gov't Code § 552.108; *see Holmes v. Morales*, 924 S.W.2d 920 (Tex. 1996). Having reviewed the submitted records, we conclude that section 552.108 protects the records from required public disclosure. You may therefore withhold the records under section 552.108 of the Government Code. On the other hand, you may choose to release all or part of the information in these records that is not otherwise confidential by law. Gov't Code § 552.007.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented

to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have any questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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