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Re: Property Description: Seized Funds in the Amount of \$18,000  
Agency Case No. 2992373-PMN  
Asset ID No: 20-USP-000 [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Smith:

On or about May 28, 2020, the above-referenced seizure for funds in the amount of \$18,000 ("seized funds") was referred to this office for the initiation of judicial forfeiture proceedings.

This office respectfully declines to institute judicial forfeiture proceedings against the seized funds. If you have questions regarding the release of the subject funds, please contact:

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If you have questions regarding the above or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (312) 886-2445.

Very truly yours,

JOHN R. LAUSCH, JR.  
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*/s Dorothy Cuadra*

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