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Dear Mr. Farrell:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request letter dated, March 24, 2006, which was referred to this office in a letter, dated August 31, 2006, by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). In your March 24, 2006 letter, you requested all records related to the following:

1. "The decision to implement an increase in the number of Saudi Arabian students studying in and/or traveling to the United States as in the April 2005 White House Joint Statement by President Bush and Crown Prince Abdullah.
2. The criterion used to determine whether or not a Saudi Arabian student should be granted a visa for travel/study in the United States.
3. Security checks/background checks performed on Saudi Arabian applications for student visas.
4. Information regarding security precautions to be taken once the Saudi Arabian students has been granted a visa for travel and/or study in the United States.
5. Information pertaining to the number of Saudi Arabian students currently in the United States on Student visas.
6. Information outlining the number of Saudi Arabian students who will be permitted to study in the United States on a student visa after the implementation of the April 2005 Joint Statement by President Bush and Crown Prince Abdullah.
7. Information relating to the post 9/11 changes in the issue of student visas to Saudi Arabians."

CIS referred your request to our office because they believed that we may have records responsive to item 5 of your request.

First, I apologize for the inordinate amount of time it has taken to process your request. We currently have a tremendous backlog that has adversely impacted our response time to the public. However, it has not impacted the quality of our service and our dedication to the public at large.

Mr. Christopher J. Farrell

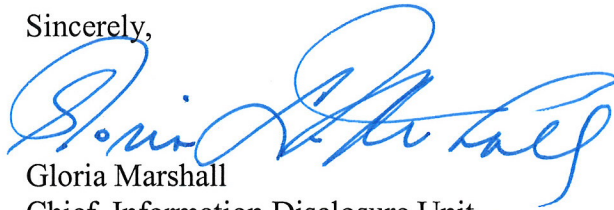
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With respect to your request, we have determined that the information requested in item 5 does fall within the purview of this agency. Please be advised that we have conducted a search of our records and are providing the information at, enclosure 1, in response to item 5 of your request.

Also, please be advised that information and records relating to items 1 through 4 and 6 and 7 may possibly be obtainable from the Department of State.

We trust that this response is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

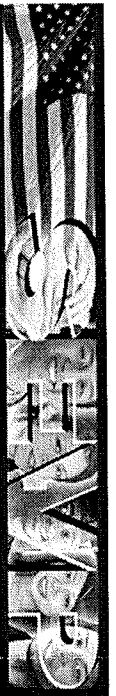


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Enclosures

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<b>VISA TYPE</b>	<b># of Active Saudi Arabian Students by Country of Citizenship as of 1/25/07</b>
F-1	9,787
M-1	9
J-1	156



# Glossary

SEVIS Visa Types	Description
F-1	Foreign students pursuing a full course of study in a college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, private elementary school, other academic institution, or language training program in the United States that has been approved by the Service to enroll foreign students.
F-2	An F-2 nonimmigrant is a foreign national who is the spouse or qualifying child (under the age of 21) of an F-1 nonimmigrant.
M-1	Foreign nationals pursuing a full course of study at a Service-approved vocational school or other recognized nonacademic institution (other than in language training programs) in the United States.
M-2	A foreign national who is the spouse or qualifying child (under the age of 21) of an M-1 nonimmigrant.
J-1	Foreign nationals who have been selected by a sponsor, designated by the United States Department of State (DOS), to participate in an exchange visitor program and who is seeking to enter or has entered the United States temporarily as an exchange visitor on a J-1 visa. This term of exchange visitor does not include the visitor's family.
J-2	The accompanying spouse and minor children of an exchange visitor (J-1) who are accompanying or following to join the exchange visitor and who are seeking to enter or have entered the United States temporarily on a J-2 visa. For clarifications, a minor is a unmarried person under the age of 21 years old.

Enclosure 1(b)