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Mr. Christopher J. Farrell
Judicial Watch
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Washington, D.C. 20024

FOIA Request: 984725
Subject: Saudis, House of Saud and Bin Laden
Family Members Leaving the United States after
September 11, 2001

Dear Mr. Farrell:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 8, 2003, concerning Saudis, House of Saud and Bin Laden Family Members leaving the United States after September 11, 2001.

A search of our indices to our central records system located at FBI Headquarters revealed material responsive to your request. The FBI is denying access to this information at this time because it is part of an ongoing investigation. The information is being withheld pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, subsection (b)(7)(A), which states:

records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

The citing of subsection (b)(7)(A) should not be construed as a bar to any additional exemption assertions that may be properly raised upon a more detailed review of our records if such a review becomes necessary in the future.

You have the right to appeal any denial contained herein by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should both be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIA number assigned to this request so that it may be easily identified.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
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