



U.S. Department of Justice

Community Relations Service

Washington, D.C. 20530

March 6, 2013

Lisette Garcia
425 Third Street, SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Garcia:

In response to the decision rendered by the Office of Information Policy, the Department of Justice, Appeal Number AP-2012-02538, SRO: SVR, to the Judicial Watch Appeal June 5, 2012, the Community Relations Service (CRS) has carefully completed a further review of the documents in response to your FOIA appeal. Under the FOIA, CRS must make available requested information to the greatest extent possible to you. Accordingly, we are releasing to you at no charge an additional 222 pages of documents that are responsive to your appeal.

There are exemptions under the FOIA, which allow the government to withhold information that otherwise would be responsive to a FOIA request. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). CRS has redacted information from the additional documents that have been released to you in accordance to the FOIA exemption as stated below.

(b)(6) EXEMPTION - Personal Information Affecting an Individual's Privacy. This exemption permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." This exemption cannot be invoked to withhold from a requester information pertaining to the requestor.

Under this exemption, CRS is releasing 222 pages of documents with redactions. CRS has redacted personal information about CRS employees and credit card numbers because their personal privacy and credit card information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the redacted information.

If you wish to appeal this decision, departmental regulations at 28 CFR Section 16.9 and the FOIA provide that denials may be received within 60 days of your receipt of this letter by filing an appeal with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, DC 20530. Your appeal should be clearly identified as a "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Judicial review is available thereafter in the district

where the requestor resides or has a principal place of business, the district where the records are located, or the District of Columbia.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about this response at Irene.kho@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irene Kho', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Irene Kho
Legal Advisor/FOIA Officer