



U.S. Citizenship
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Christopher J. Farrell
Judicial Watch
501 School Street, SW
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Washington, DC 20024

Dear Christopher J. Farrell:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the United States Border Patrol office received in this office November 16, 2005, regarding the subject: Case And Consequences Of Unlawful Incursions Into The U.S. By Employees & Agents Of The Mexican Government.

We have completed the review of all documents responsive to your request and have identified 97 pages, which are responsive to your request. Enclosed are 31 pages in their entirety, and 38 pages in part. We are withholding 22 pages in full. In our review of these pages we have determined that they contain no reasonable segregable portions of non-exempt information. The withheld information pertains to names of law enforcement personnel, internal codes, rules and practices of the agency, and internal telephone numbers. This information is exempted from mandatory disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(2), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(E) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Exemption (b)(2) exempts from mandatory disclosure records that are "related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency.

Exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency documents reflecting the pre-decisional or deliberative process of an agency.

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Exemption (b)(7)(C) protects from disclosure 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 constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Exemption (b)(7)(E) protects from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations if disclosed could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

We have also referred six pages to United States Customs Border Protection Office for direct response to you.

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In the event you wish to appeal this determination, you may write to the USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 111 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, within 60 days of receipt of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you should have any additional questions about your request, please direct your inquiries to this office at the above address. You may also call us at 202-272-8273 or fax any correspondence to 202-272-8329.

Sincerely,



Valerie McKeithan
Chief, FOIA/PA Section

Enclosure(s)