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Mr. Sean A Dunagan
Judicial Watch
425 Third St. SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Dunagan:

In response to your request dated July 17, 2013 under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552) we initiated searches of the Department's Central Foreign Policy Records, the Office of the Legal Adviser, and the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

The search of the Central Foreign Policy Records has been completed and has resulted in the retrieval of several hundred documents responsive to your request. To expedite processing and review, this search has been divided into several segments. Most of these documents are still being prepared for review, but we have been able to review one document. We have determined that it may be released with excisions. The released material is enclosed.

An enclosure explains Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on the document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

You have the right to appeal our determination within 60 days. A copy of the appeals procedures is enclosed. The letter of appeal should refer to the case number shown above.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,



Sheryl L. Walter, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION WITH DOJ ON
BEHALF OF MARK RICH

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1. DURING AUGUST 29 MEETING WITH DENNIS ROSS AND
I, [REDACTED] RAISED THE ISSUE OF MARK RICH, A
WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN NOW RESIDENT IN SWITZERLAND,
WHOM [REDACTED] HAS RECRUITED TO HEAD UP AN EFFORT TO
PROMOTE PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN PALESTINIAN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. [REDACTED] ASKED ME TO SEE RICH'S
LAWYER, ISAAC HERZOG, TO BE BRIEFED ON THE SUBJECT.
HE FURTHER REQUESTED THAT DENNIS AND I FOLLOW UP IN
WASHINGTON TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

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2. ON SEPTEMBER 1, I MET WITH HERZOG WHO PROVIDED
ME WITH A DETAILED PAPER WHICH I HAVE FAXED
SEPARATELY. THE ESSENCE OF THE ISSUE IS AS FOLLOWS:

-- MARK RICH, A HUGELY SUCCESSFUL TRADER IN

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Martin McLean, Senior Reviewer

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COMMODITIES ON A GLOBAL SCALE, RAN AFOUL OF THE DOJ IN 1983 FOR VIOLATIONS OF PRICE CONTROL LAWS. RICH PAID A LARGE FINE AND, ACCORDING TO HERZOG, DOJ IS NO LONGER PURSUING THE MATTER.

-- NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE STILL INTERNATIONAL WARRANTS OUT FOR RICH'S ARREST. THIS SEVERELY RESTRICTS HIS TRAVEL TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DECIDED NOT TO ENFORCE THIS PARTICULAR WARRANT (INCLUDING ISRAEL).

-- [] APPROACHED RICH TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PROMOTING AN "ECONOMIC SOLUTION" TO BOLSTER THE PROCESS OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN RECONCILIATION. RICH WOULD PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL PARKS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AMONG "INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL GIANTS."

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-- RICH APPARENTLY AGREED TO TAKE ON THIS TASK BUT NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL FREELY TO IMPLEMENT IT.

-- RICH'S LAWYER, MEL RISHI (SPELLING?), IN WASHINGTON HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH DOJ'S MARK RICHARDS WHO WAS REPORTEDLY FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARD WITHDRAWING THE WARRANTS, WHILE MAINTAINING THE INDICTMENTS. HOWEVER, HE COULD ONLY DO SO IF THE
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STATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED THE ENTERPRISE THAT RICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN AS IMPORTANT TO THE PEACE PROCESS.

-- [] REQUEST IS THAT STATE CONSIDER THE PROJECT AND, IF IT IS REGARDED AS WORTHWHILE, CONTACT DOJ AND COMMUNICATE ITS INTERESTS IN ENABLING RICH TO ENGAGE IN THESE ACTIVITIES -- SPECIFICALLY THAT:

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1) STATE HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON THE MATTER

2) THE GOI HAS NOTIFIED STATE THAT IT IS IN THE GOI'S INTEREST TO FACILITATE THE TRAVEL OF MARK RICH TO ADVANCE THE "ECONOMIC SOLUTION."

3) THE U.S. HAS A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN FOSTERING THESE OBJECTIVES.

-- HERZOG ALSO ASKED THAT, BECAUSE A GOOD DEAL OF TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THE DISCUSSION WITH RICHARDS,

STATE LET DOJ KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT WE ARE STUDYING THE MATTER.

3. [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR RABINOVITCH TO SPEAK TO THE DEPARTMENT AND REGISTER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY TEL AVIV.

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4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST. PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL ZONES IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA IS A CONFIDENTIAL

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PRIORITY OF THE USG -- THEY WERE ENDORSED BY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS REMARKS AT THE BLAIR HOUSE MEETING IN MARCH 1994. WE HAVE SPENT MONEY ON AN AID REPORT ON THE ISSUE AND EMBASSY AND CONGEN JERUSALEM ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE EFFORT TO GET THE GOI AND PA TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO GET THESE PARKS ESTABLISHED. WHEN WE DO SO, WE WILL NEED PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT TO MAKE THE PARKS A SUCCESS. WE HAVE NEVER HEARD OF MARK RICH AND HAVE NO WAY OF EVALUATING HIS ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT BY BRINGING IN FOREIGN INVESTORS. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] IS PUSHING HIM HARD. [REDACTED] RAISE IT WITH DENNIS ROSS, HE THEN RAISED IT HIMSELF, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE IS HOPING FOR QUICK ACTION, WHICH IS ALSO LOGICAL IN TERMS OF OUR OWN INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING THE PARKS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT I CAN

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TELL [] AND HERZOG (THE LAWYER). IF YOU NEED
FURTHER INFORMATION ON RICH PLEASE INDICATE WHAT
KIND OF QUESTIONS YOU NEED ANSWERED. INDYK

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