



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Case No. F-2011-03401

Ms. Lisette Garcia
Judicial Watch
425 Third St. SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

JAN 14 2013

Dear Ms. Garcia:

I refer to our letter dated December 3, 2013, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

We have completed our review of seven additional records from the files of the Office of the Legal Adviser and have determined that they are responsive to your request. We have determined that six of these documents may be released with excisions pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6) and one must be denied in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6). An enclosure explains Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. All released material is enclosed.

In addition, we identified approximately 400 records containing information that was submitted to the Department by a third party as potentially exempt from disclosure as privileged or confidential information under Exemption 4 of the FOIA. These documents were referred to the submitter of the information for review pursuant to Executive Order 12600 and the Department's implementing regulations, 22 C.F.R. § 171.13. The submitter has recently completed its review, and we expect to produce the documents shortly, as appropriate.

Review of additional records from the Office of the Legal Adviser is ongoing. We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may contact Department of Justice attorney James Todd at

- 2 -

(202) 514-3378. Please be sure to refer to the case number, F-2011-03401, and the civil action number, 13-772, in all communications about this case.

Sincerely,

Sheryl L. Walter / sw

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

Enclosures:
As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) military plans, systems, or operations;
 - 1.4(b) foreign government information;
 - 1.4(c) intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology;
 - 1.4(d) foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources;
 - 1.4(e) scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism;
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities;
 - 1.4(g) vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism;
 - 1.4(h) weapons of mass destruction;
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
- ARMEX Arms Export Control Act, 22 USC 2778(e)
 - EXPORT Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 App. USC 2411(c)(1)
 - FSA Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4003 & 4004
 - INA Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f)
 - IRAN Iran Claims Settlement Act, Sec. 505, 50 USC 1701, note
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

Botet, Violanda

Subject:

Thessin, James H

RE: [redacted]

B5

[Large redacted area]

B5

Let me know if you need more. Violanda

From: Thessin, James H

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 7:37 PM

To: Botet, Violanda

Subject: RE: [redacted]

B5

[Redacted area]

B5

Best,
Jim

Deputy Legal Adviser
Office of the Legal Adviser
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520-6421
202-647-8460

RELEASED IN PART B5

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank Tumminia, Senior Reviewer

SBU
This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Botet, Violanda

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 11:57 AM

To: Thessin, James H

Hata, Marianne J

Subject: FW: [redacted]

B5

[Redacted area]

B5

From: Botet, Violanda

Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 3:03 PM

To: Thessin, James H

Subject:

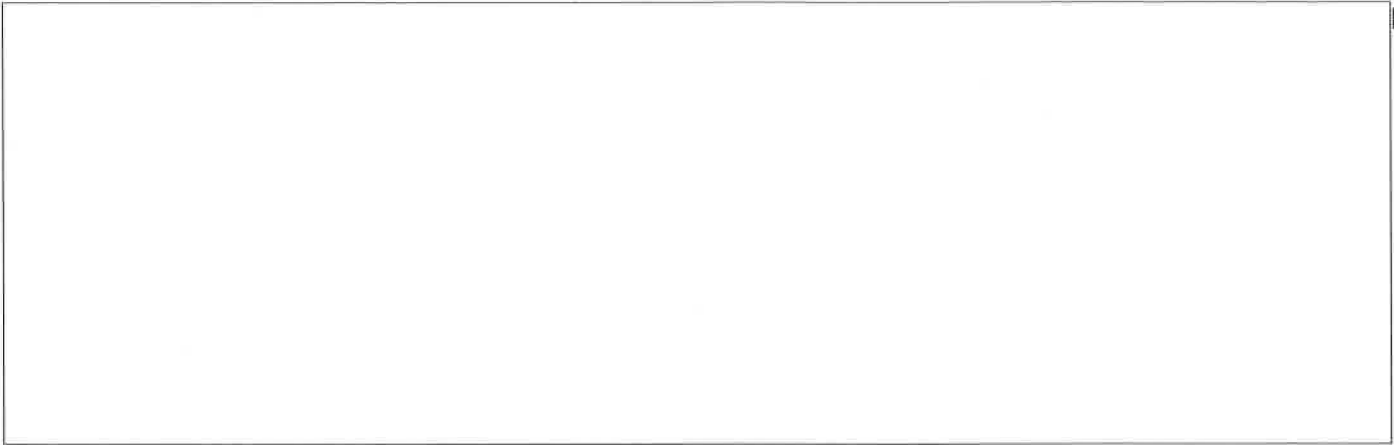
B5

Jim -

B5



B5



Violanda Botet
Attorney Adviser
U.S. Department of State
202-663-3097 (phone)
202-663-3339 (fax)

RELEASED IN PART B5

Hata, Marianne J

From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 3:02 PM
To: Thessin, James H; Hata, Marianne J
Subject: Clinton Foundation – Dec. 13th request
Attachments: December 6, 2010.doc

B5

Jim/Marianne – Attached is a response to the latest Clinton Foundation requests.

B5

Marianne – Pls. prepare for Jim's review and signature.

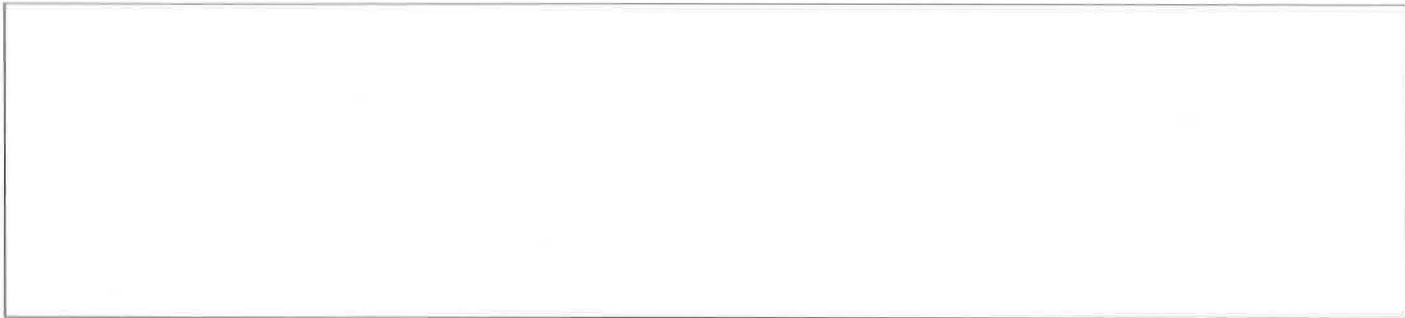
Thank you. Violanda

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank Tumminia, Senior Reviewer

Drake, Jerry C

From: Wells, David L
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 5:14 PM
To: Youel Page, Kathryn
Subject: FW: Memos Attached
Attachments: State Department Sub-sponsor Memo 12 12 11.docx; State Department Host Memo 12 12 11.docx

RELEASED IN PART B5,B6



B5

From: Youel Page, Kathryn
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2011 10:35 AM
To: Wells, David L
Subject: FW: Memos Attached

New memos. thanks.

From: Terry Krinvic [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 6:37 PM
To: Youel Page, Kathryn
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D; Laura Graham; Visek, Richard C
Subject: Memos Attached

B6

All- latest host and sub-sponsor memos attached

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank Tumminia, Senior Reviewer

Drake, Jerry C

From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:07 AM
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Youel Page, Kathryn
Subject: FW: [Redacted]

B5

Categories: Working

[Redacted]

B5

RELEASED IN PART B5

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 9:30 AM
To: Thessin, James H
Subject: RE: [Redacted]

B5

B5

[Redacted]

Let me know if you need more. Violanda

From: Thessin, James H
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 7:37 PM
To: Botet, Violanda
Subject: RE: [Redacted]

B5

[Redacted]

B5

Best,
Jim

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank Tumminia, Senior Reviewer

Deputy Legal Adviser
Office of the Legal Adviser
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520-6421
202-647-8460

SBU
This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 11:57 AM
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Hata, Marianne J
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

B5

B5

From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 3:03 PM
To: Thessin, James H
Subject: [REDACTED]

B5

Jim --

B5



Violanda Botet
Attorney Adviser
U.S. Department of State
202-663-3097 (phone)
202-663-3339 (fax)

Drake, Jerry C

From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:08 AM
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Youel Page, Kathryn
Subject: FW [redacted] B5
Categories: Working

[redacted]

B5

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

RELEASED IN PART B5

From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 3:03 PM **REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank Tumminia, Senior Reviewer**
To: Thessin, James H
Subject: [redacted] B5

Jim -

B5



Violanda Botet
Attorney Adviser
U.S. Department of State
202-663-3097 (phone)
202-663-3339 (fax)

Drake, Jerry C

From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 2:04 PM
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Youel Page, Kathryn
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

B5

[REDACTED]

B5

From: Thessin, James H
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 10:10 AM
To: Botet, Violanda
Cc: Youel Page, Kathryn
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

RELEASED IN PART B5

B5

[REDACTED]

B5

Thanks,
Jim

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank Tumminia, Senior Reviewer

Deputy Legal Adviser
Office of the Legal Adviser
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520-6421
202-647-8460

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 10:10 PM
To: Thessin, James H
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

B5

[REDACTED]

B5

cdm

From: Thessin, James H
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 3:39 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

B5

[REDACTED]

B5

Best,
Jim

Deputy Legal Adviser
Office of the Legal Adviser
U.S. Department of State

Washington, DC 20520-6421
202-647-8460

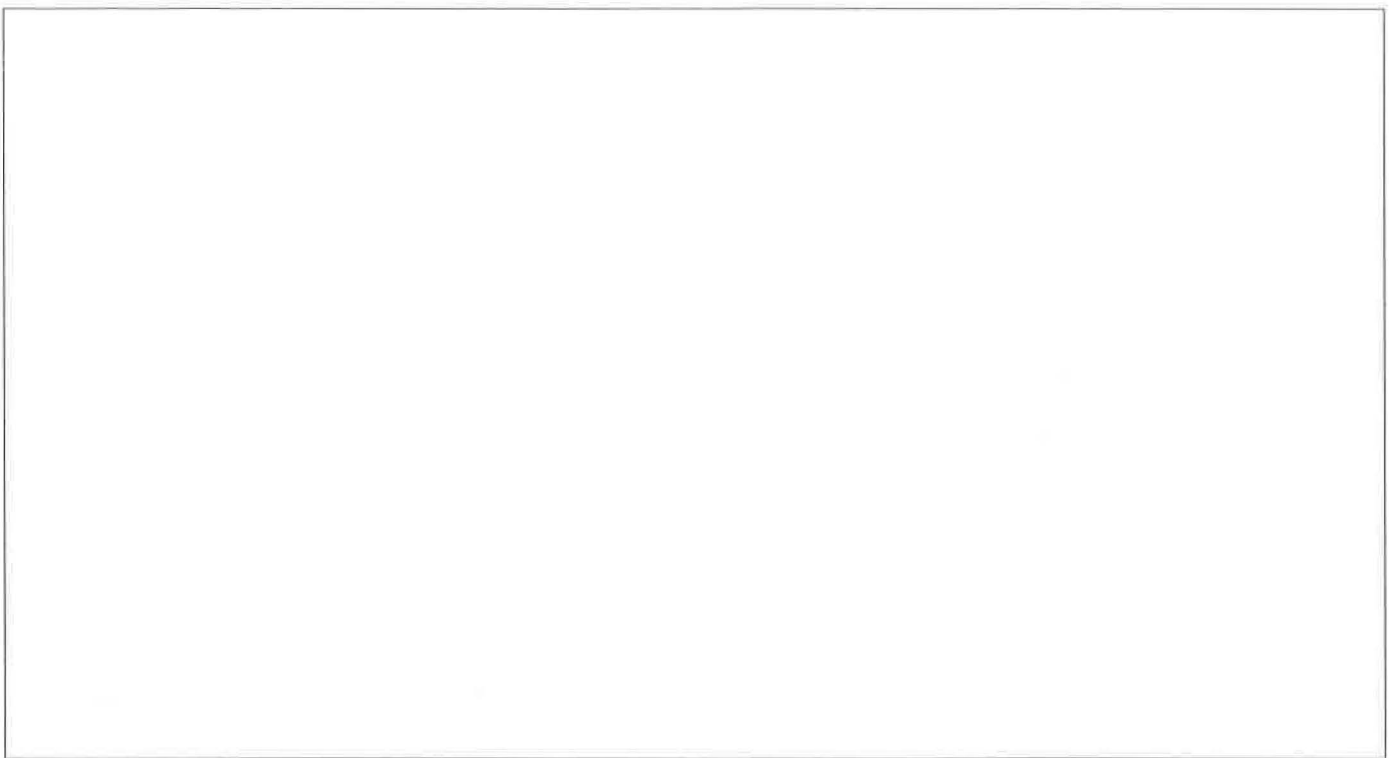
From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 3:03 PM
To: Thessin, James H
Subject:

B5

Jim –

B5

B5



Violanda Botet
Attorney Adviser
U.S. Department of State
202-663-3097 (phone)
202-663-3339 (fax)