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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. F-2015-05028

Segment: DS-0001 part 2

Kate Bailey
Judicial Watch
425 Third Street, SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Ms. Bailey:

I refer to our letter dated August 20, 2015, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

The search of the records of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security is ongoing. We have identified 14 documents that are responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that five must be withheld in part, one must be withheld in full and eight require consultation with other U.S. Government agencies. We have referred the latter eight documents to the relevant agencies, with a request to advise the Department of State as to any impediments to release as expeditiously as possible. All released material is enclosed.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. For the one document withheld in full, we have cited the following FOIA exemptions: 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1), (b)(5) and (b)(7)(C).

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Marsha Edney, Trial Attorney, at (202) 514-4520 or Marsha.Edney@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, F-2015-05028, and the civil action number, 15-cv-00646, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Hackett", written over a horizontal line.

for

John F. Hackett, 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

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RELEASE IN PART
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Reid, Donald R

From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2009 6:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Draft Memo from DS to S - Mills

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

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Is this what Pat asked for.. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 6:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Draft Memo from DS to S - Mills
Importance: High

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Attached is the draft memo I've prepared for your edits. [REDACTED] - thank you for your piece. [REDACTED]

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Please make any edits as you see fit. I've listed [REDACTED] as clearances, but I'm not clear if Pat needs/wants that - what do you think [REDACTED]

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REVIEW
AUTHORITY:
Barbara
Nielsen,
Senior
Reviewer

RELEASE IN PART
B7(C)

Reid, Donald R

From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 6:45 PM
To: [redacted] Donovan, Patrick D
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Memo to S-Mills (2).doc

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I'm fine with this memo...

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 6:14 PM
To: Reid, Donald R; Donovan, Patrick D
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Memo to S-Mills (2).doc
Importance: High

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I tweaked the draft memo per your instructions Pat, had [redacted] review and he tweaked further. Before I send to [redacted]
[redacted] for clearance I need confirmation that this is what is wanted. Thanks. [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 4:41 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Memo to S-Mills (2).doc

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[redacted]

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Please take a look at the proposed changes.

[redacted]

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Reid, Donald R

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

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From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 6:51 AM
To: [redacted] Donovan, Patrick D
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Memo to S-Mills (2).doc

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The memo is longish with atch, but I also wonder if it wouldn't be instructive to include a short paragraph that summarizes the security sins of the past, the reaction on the Hill, the impact of security on career Ambassadorial appointments, etc...

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 6:14 PM
To: Reid, Donald R; Donovan, Patrick D
Cc: [redacted]
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Importance: High

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Subject: Memo to S-Mills (2).doc

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B7(C)

Please take a look at the proposed changes.

[redacted]

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RELEASE IN PART
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Reid, Donald R

From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara Nielsen, Senior
Reviewer

Note [REDACTED] caveats

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Certainly, any discussion of the vulnerabilities of portable devices could use some context in terms of the real threats here at State, so I suspect there's a likely (brief) role for you [REDACTED] Does ST have someone who could provide a dynamic briefing? [REDACTED]

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I'll get with Gentry. Certainly, we need to verify or correct the urban myths Cheryl believes re other agencies. I would also assume the S/IRM folks have verbalized something back to [REDACTED] but don't know what that might be...

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Smith, Gentry O; Reid, Donald R
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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E.O. 13526: UNCLASSIFIED

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Sirs,

I wanted to share with you, back-channel, a little insight into current thinking in the Secretary's inner circle on technology issues and request your help. [REDACTED]

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S/ES management does not see a need to respond point-for-point on any of this; however, [REDACTED]

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I would greatly appreciate your guidance on how [redacted] to coordinate on this project. [redacted]

Thank you and best regards,



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REVIEW
AUTHORITY:
Barbara Nielsen,
Senior Reviewer

DS025

RELEASE IN PART
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Reid, Donald R

From: Reid, Donald R
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:22 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor
Attachments: FW: (S/REL FVEY): FINAL version of Info Memo for S

I discussed this subject with Gentry this morning...we have a DS Memo to S re malicious cyber activity directed toward Dept seniors that is circulating in final clearance (Atch)...Amb Boswell would like to use it to approach M and Amb Mull about setting up this briefing for seniors and key staff...I agree the timing might be perfect but we likely need to meet to harmonize a message and discuss our approach...Don

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 5:11 PM
To: Smith, Gentry O; Reid, Donald R
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

Sirs,

I am sorry to bother you, but I wanted to pass on that we are entering a period, until the end of March, when there is no S travel on the immediate horizon. As April promises to be a very busy month on the 7th Floor, I believe we have an excellent window in the coming weeks to catch much of our ideal target audience in the office.

As always, I stand ready to assist in facilitating the below-mentioned presentation in any way I can.

Thank you and best regards,

From: Smith, Gentry O
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 8:46 AM
To: [REDACTED] Reid, Donald R
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

[REDACTED] - C would love to participate. Don and I spoke yesterday and are both interested. We'll talk some more about presenters and timing. Gentry

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Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Smith, Gentry O; Reid, Donald R
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: (SBU) Electronic Devices and the 7th Floor

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