



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 23, 2017

Case No.: F-2015-05559

Ms. Kate Bailey
Judicial Watch, Inc.
425 Third Street, S.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Ms. Bailey,

I refer you to our letter dated April 14, 2017, regarding the release of certain Department of State (the "Department") material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

As you are aware, our April 14, 2017 letter indicated that the Department had completed processing of your request by conducting a search of the materials provided to the Department by Huma Abedin in 2015. Since issuance of that letter, the Department decided to conduct a search of Huma Abedin's official e-mails out of an abundance of caution. As a result of that search the Department located three additional documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that all three may be released in part. All released material is enclosed.

All non-exempt material in the documents that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. Applicable exemptions are marked where we have made excisions. An enclosure provides information on FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material.

The Department has now completed its processing of your request. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney Daniel Riess at (202) 353-3098 or at Daniel.Riess@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Eric F. Stein

Eric F. Stein, 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:
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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (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
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

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

NO DISCERNIBLE CLASSIFICATION

Harter, Dennis G

From: Terry Krinvic [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 3:53 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Amitabh Desai; Abedin, Huma
Cc: Fuchs, Michael H; Doug Band - PC; Justin Cooper - PC
Subject: RE: funding from Colombian Government

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RELEASE IN PART B6

Yes

From: Mills, Cheryl D [mailto:MillsCD@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 2:24 PM
To: Amitabh Desai; Abedin, Huma
Cc: Fuchs, Michael H; Terry Krinvic; Doug Band - PC; Justin Cooper - PC
Subject: RE: funding from Colombian Government

If I remember correctly, don't we have to send this through our ethics folks if you all are accepting funding from a government that the foundation has not accepted funds from before?

And that typically is done by terry - even for foundation.

Or am I mis-reading this too quickly?

cdm

From: Amitabh Desai [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 2:12 PM
To: Abedin, Huma; Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Fuchs, Michael H
Subject: Re: funding from Colombian Government

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Just learned our deadline to accept or decline this funding is next Wednesday, August 3rd. We'd welcome your feedback. Thanks.

From: Amitabh Desai
To: 'abedinh@state.gov' <abedinh@state.gov>; 'millsd@state.gov' <millsd@state.gov>
Cc: 'FuchsMH@state.gov' <FuchsMH@state.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 26 10:27:33 2011
Subject: funding from Colombian Government

As you know, the Clinton Foundation operates a program called the Clinton Giustra Sustainable Growth Initiative (CGSGI) in Colombia, in partnership with the Government of Colombia. One of the GoC's agencies, Accion Social, is interested in providing approximately US\$175,000 to expand our technical assistance activities in three projects: TANA (a spice-growing cooperative run by Afro-Colombian women that we have been assisting), COTELCO (connecting urban hotels in Colombia with local suppliers of agricultural products, hotel services, etc.), and Pies Descalzos (Shakira's Foundation, with which we are helping to educate/feed economically disadvantaged families). We wanted to inform you of this likely funding from the Colombian Government, and we would welcome your feedback, if possible next week. Sincerely, Ami

Harter, Dennis G

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Harter, Dennis G

From: Terry Krinvic [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 5:43 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Amitabh Desai; Abedin, Huma
Cc: Fuchs, Michael H; Doug Band - PC; Justin Cooper - PC
Subject: Re: funding from Colombian Government

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Yes. Sent an email.

From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
To: Terry Krinvic; Amitabh Desai; Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
Cc: Fuchs, Michael H <FuchsMH@state.gov>; Doug Band - PC; Justin Cooper - PC
Sent: Tue Aug 02 17:39:58 2011
Subject: RE: funding from Colombian Government

Did you flag for Rich – will check in with him

From: Terry Krinvic [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 3:47 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Amitabh Desai; Abedin, Huma
Cc: Fuchs, Michael H; Doug Band - PC; Justin Cooper - PC
Subject: RE: funding from Colombian Government

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All – im still waiting to hear back from state. Will let you know when I do

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Harter, Dennis G

From: Amitabh Desai [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:26 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Abedin, Huma
Cc: Dennis Cheng
Subject: Re: TAQA

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Thanks. [redacted]

From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
To: Amitabh Desai; Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
Cc: Dennis Cheng
Sent: Wed Mar 28 21:38:43 2012
Subject: Re: TAQA

We should discuss - will call in am - what number?

From: Amitabh Desai [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 06:28 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Abedin, Huma
Cc: Dennis Cheng [redacted]
Subject: TAQA

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Dear Cheryl, as you may know, CF donated an auction experience item "Spend the Day With President Clinton" to support Prof. Muhammad Yunus' Grameen Charity at the Scottish Business Awards Gala on Feb. 23rd in Edinburgh. CF is to receive half of the proceeds of the lot total: \$100,000 USD - \$50,000 to each charity. The winner of the lot is Mr. Leo Koot, Managing Director at TAQA Bratani Ltd. TAQA Bratani would be the donor through Mr. Koot. TAQA has a connection with Abu Dhabi Government. CF hasn't received funding from Abu Dhabi Government before. We're considering it now since this is an auction that would be difficult to backtrack on. Wanted to be sure you are aware and we'd welcome any feedback. Thanks, Ami

Harter, Dennis G

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 6, 2017

Case No.: F-2015-05559

Ms. Kate Bailey
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425 Third Street, S.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Ms. Bailey,

I refer you to our letter dated May 23, 2017, regarding the release of certain Department of State (the "Department") material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

In compliance with the Court's February 2, 2017 Order concerning the release of the identities of certain entities, the Department has determined that additional information in four documents (three of which were previously released to you in part and one of which was previously withheld in full) may be released. All released material is enclosed.

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If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney Daniel Riess at (202) 353-3098 or at Daniel.Riess@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric F. Stein".

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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Walker, Denise

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

Categories: Working

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Jim - I am resending two emails regarding the Clinton request to approve [REDACTED] in case you need them. [REDACTED]

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Botet, Violanda
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 9:30 AM
To: Thessin, James H
Subject: RE: Clinton Foundation Request -- [REDACTED]

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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: Clinton Foundation Request -- [REDACTED]

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Same question as previous email: [REDACTED]

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Best,
Jim

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

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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: Clinton Foundation Request -- [REDACTED]

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Jim -- The Clinton Foundation folks are pressing for an answer on this. Have you received any feedback? Thanks. Violanda

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

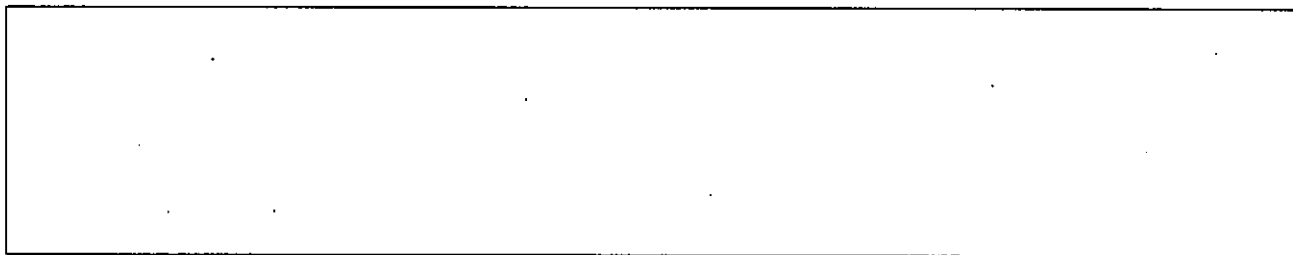
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Jim --

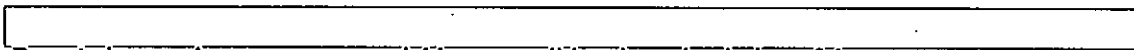
The Clinton Foundation recently requested approval of two sponsors: (1) 2011 Global Competitiveness Forum,

(2) Dabbagh Group Holding Co.,

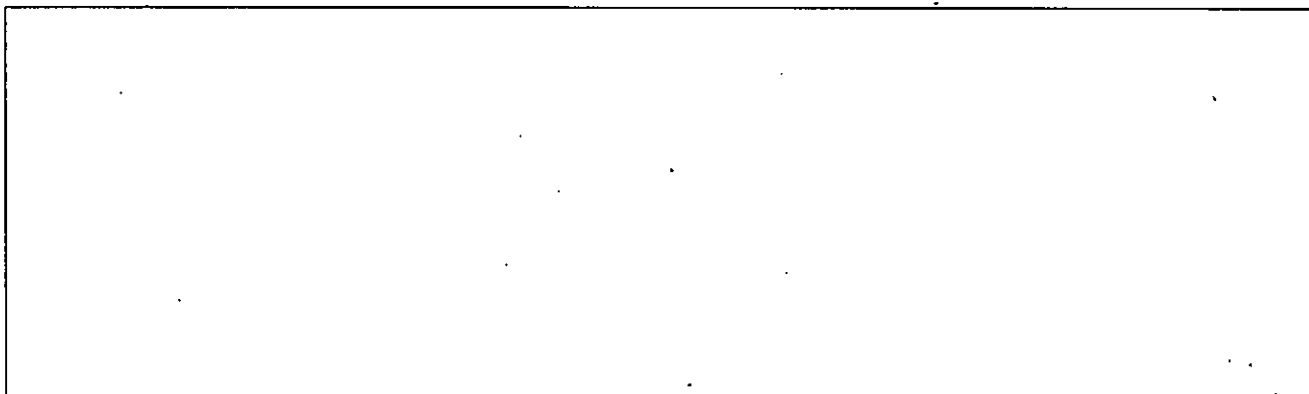
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 The Clinton Foundation needs an answer as quickly as possible, given the timing of the event

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

Walker, Denise

From: Brooks, Waldo W (Chip)
Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2010 11:04 AM
To: Botet, Violaanda
Subject: FW: PLS READ: Thai Govt and Clinton Foundation Request

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From: Thessin, James H
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 12:45 PM
To: Brooks, Waldo W (Chip)
Subject: Re: PLS READ: Thai Govt and Clinton Foundation Request

[Redacted]

Jim

From: Brooks, Waldo W (Chip)
To: Thessin, James H
Sent: Thu Sep 02 15:57:28 2010
Subject: FW: PLS READ: Thai Govt and Clinton Foundation Request

Jim,

President Clinton's folks are reaching out to us. Please see below. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Botet, Violaanda
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Brooks, Waldo W (Chip)
Subject: PLS READ: Thai Govt and Clinton Foundation Request

Jim - I just wanted to confirm that you are ok with sending a response back to the Clinton Foundation approving the event below. If so, Chip can send a memo out to the Foundation. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Thanks. Violaanda

From: Thessin, James H
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2010 4:01 PM
To: Botet, Violaanda
Subject: FW: Clinton Foundation Request Involving Thai Government

See below

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: Friday, August 27, 2010 4:00 PM
To: Thessin, James H
Subject: Re: Clinton Foundation Request Involving Thai Government

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From: Thessin, James H
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Fri Aug 27 15:10:23 2010
Subject: FW: Clinton Foundation Request Involving Thai Government

[Redacted]

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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: Friday, August 27, 2010 11:49 AM
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Brooks, Waldo W (Chip)
Subject: Clinton Foundation Request Involving Thai Government

Jim – Here is a request from the Clinton Foundation [Redacted]

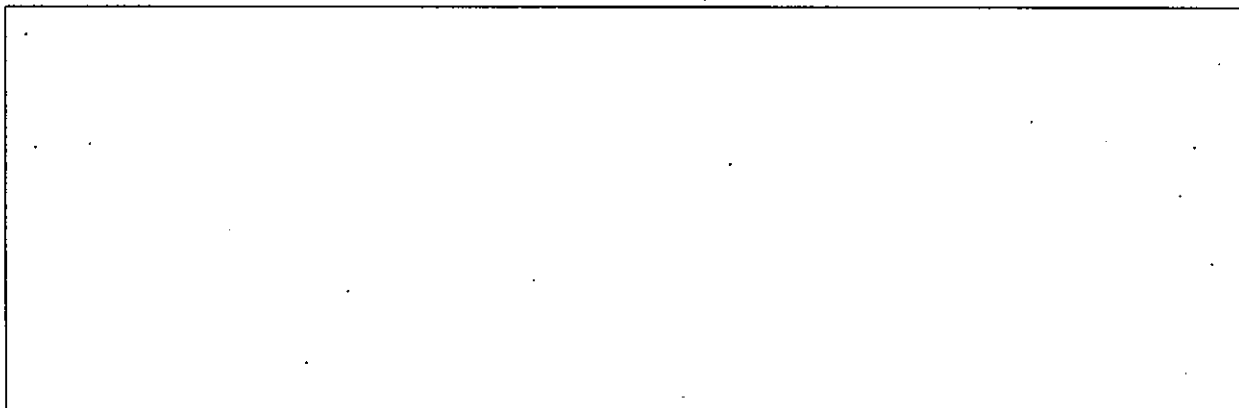
[Redacted]

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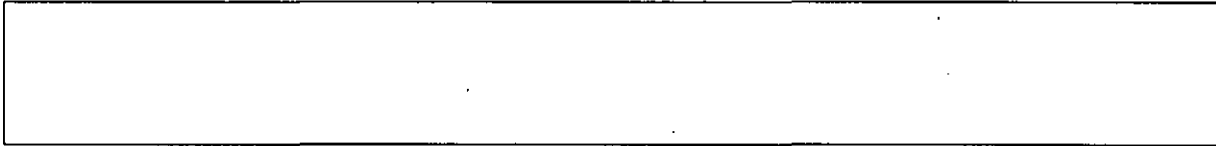
The Clinton Foundation is proposing as a sponsor of an event the Thai Ministry of Energy and a Thai petroleum company (PTT Public Company Limited) which is partially government owned. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

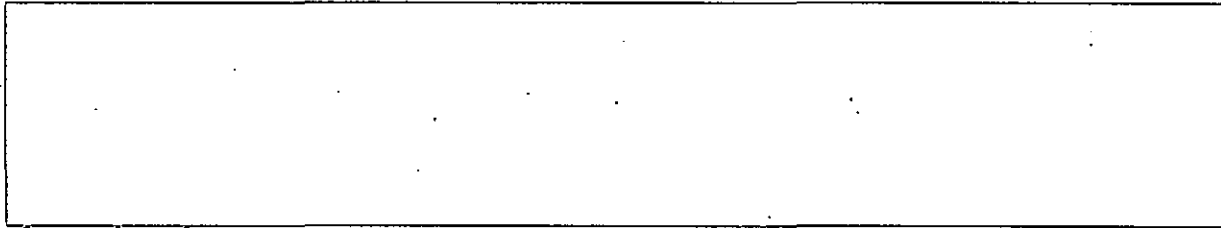


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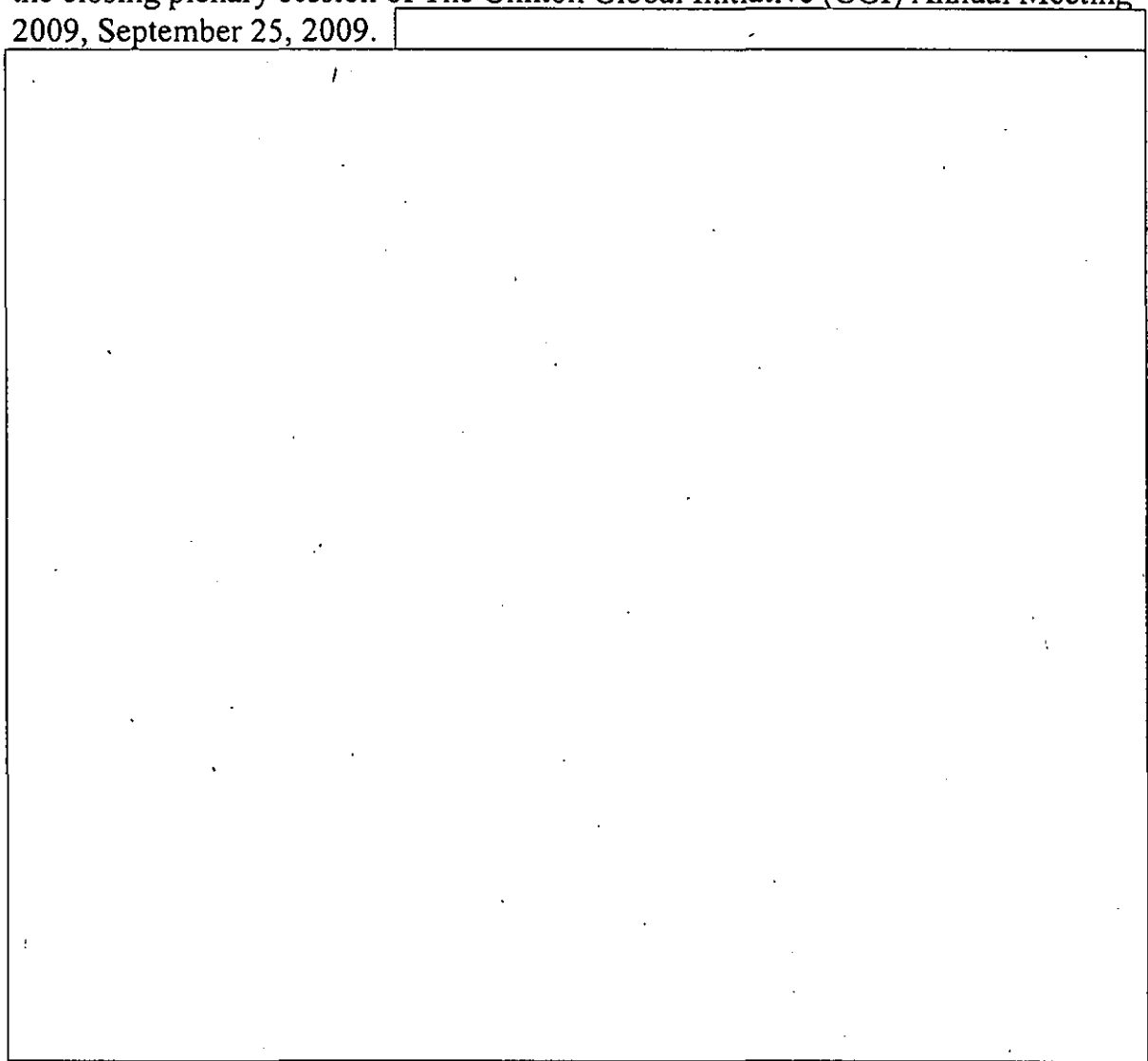
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I have been advised that you have been requested to provide the keynote address at the closing plenary session of The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Annual Meeting 2009, September 25, 2009.



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From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 2:26 PM
To: Vissek, Richard C
Cc: Toiv, Nora F; Thessin, James H; Youel Page, Kathryn
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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Thank you

From: Vissek, Richard C
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 2:19 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Toiv, Nora F; Thessin, James H; Youel Page, Kathryn
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Vissek, Richard C
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 12:47 PM
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Toiv, Nora F; Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

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Jim [REDACTED]

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 12:20 PM
To: Vissek, Richard C
Cc: Toiv, Nora F; Thessin, James H
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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Re sending

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 06:05 AM
To: Vissek, Richard C

Cc: Toiv, Nora F; Thessin, James H

Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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Rich:

[REDACTED]

Jim/Rich:

[REDACTED]

Cdm

From: Visek, Richard C

Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 08:20 PM

To: Mills, Cheryl D

Cc: Toiv, Nora F; Thessin, James H

Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Cheryl -

[REDACTED] proposed consultancy arrangement with Teneo Strategy LLC. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Regards,

Rich

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:06 AM
To: Thessin, James H; Visek, Richard C
Cc: Toiv, Nora F
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

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Jim/Rich:

[REDACTED]

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Many thanks.
cdm

----- Forwarded message -----
From: Doug Band [REDACTED] [presidentclinton.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@presidentclinton.com)>
Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 12:47:31 -0400
Subject:
To: Cheryl Mills [REDACTED]

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Sent from my mobile device