



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No.: F-2018-00133

Segment: EB-0002

Mr. William F. Marshall
Judicial Watch

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I refer to our letter dated August 31, 2018 regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The processing of records is ongoing and has, thus far, yielded an additional 54 records responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that 1 may be released in full and 53 must be withheld in full.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. The documents denied in full were withheld under FOIA Exemptions 1, 3, and 5, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(5). All non-exempt information that is reasonably segregable from the exempt information has been released. All released material is enclosed.

The processing of your request is ongoing. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Joshua Kolsky, Assistant U.S. Attorney. Please refer to the request case number, F-2018-00133, and the civil action number, 18-cv-00722, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
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

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RELEASE IN FULL

Pranay and Jamie

Attached are the final versions of all the memos for concordance.

Thanks,

Ari

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