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If you have any questions, please contact the Privacy Office at 703-235-0780.

Thank you.

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2009 10:52 AM  
**To:** Kaufman, Gail; PRIV Exec Sec; Privacy Office  
**Subject:** Please reply by 8am tomorrow.

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Thanks!

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**Sandweg, John**


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**From:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2009 8:35 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Sandweg, John  
**Cc:** Kroloff, Noah  
**Subject:** RE: Please reply ASAP.

Tell her she needs to run all FOIA related WH matters thru John Sandweg (who can then work with Craig's office as necessary). We def do not need this woman calling around at the WH.

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2009 8:32 AM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: Please reply ASAP.

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**From:** Lockett, Vania [mailto:[Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov](mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2009 8:08 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Subject:** RE: Please reply ASAP.

Jordan,

I understand that the White House asked for this information. My office has been trying to establish a point of contact in the WH for FOIA matters because this office often receives requests for records that include communications with the White House. It is our policy (per DOJ guidance) to consult with the White House Office of the Counsel to the President on the release of such records. I have sent a few consults over to the WH and have not received any response. Does your office have a point of contact within the WH that we should direct these FOIA matters to?

Thanks.

Vania

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan [mailto:[Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov](mailto:Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2009 7:50 AM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Hawkins, Sandra L.; Kaufman, Gail  
**Cc:** Holzerland, William; Kropf, John  
**Subject:** RE: Please reply ASAP.

Thanks!

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**From:** Lockett, Vania [mailto:[Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov](mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2009 7:47 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Hawkins, Sandra L.; Kaufman, Gail  
**Cc:** Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William; Kropf, John  
**Subject:** RE: Please reply ASAP.

Jordan,

As requested, attached is a spreadsheet listing the 37 requests received to date, relating to the right wing extremism report. Note that only 12 of these requests are still pending. If you have additional questions

regarding any of these requests, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Thank you.

**Vania T. Lockett, CIPP/G**

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan [mailto:[Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov](mailto:Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2009 9:49 PM

**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen; Hawkins, Sandra L.; Kaufman, Gail

**Cc:** Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William; Kropf, John

**Subject:** RE: Please reply ASAP.

**Importance:** High

Hi all,

Please send the list of all 33 organizations requesting the right-wing extremism report ASAP.

Thanks!

**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:[Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov](mailto:Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov)]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:46 AM

**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Hawkins, Sandra L.; Kaufman, Gail

**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen; Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William; Kropf, John

**Subject:** RE: Please reply ASAP.

Today, we plan on turning over the report itself, which will be the first production in response to these waves of FOIA requests. We just got a preliminary response from I&A with regard to the more detailed requests, and are going through those preliminary responses now. Previously, Noah asked that the Front Office and OGC be notified before production is made in response to the other requests, and possibly to review the documents before they go out. We are not yet at that stage for either the Fox News expedited response or for the other more detailed responses.

I am going to the Bldg 5 SCIF in a few minutes, I can stop by on the way there or back if you like, to touch base and explain FOIA a little bit.

Thanks,  
mec

**From:** Grossman, Jordan [mailto:[Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov](mailto:Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov)]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:42 AM

**To:** Hawkins, Sandra L.; Kaufman, Gail

**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen; Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William; Kropf, John

**Subject:** Please reply ASAP.

Have we actually turned over any documents at this point? If so, when and what, and if not, when do we expect to?

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Thanks!

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**From:** Hawkins, Sandra L.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2009 6:43 PM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Kaufman, Gail  
**Cc:** 'Callahan, Mary Ellen'; Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William; Kropf, John  
**Subject:** RE: Please reply by 8am tomorrow.

Jordan,

We also wanted to add that representatives of the media are routinely granted expedited. Please see the following link:

[http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20090415\\_8127.php](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20090415_8127.php)

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Thank you.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2009 4:32 PM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Kaufman, Gail; PRIV Exec Sec  
**Cc:** 'Callahan, Mary Ellen'; Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William  
**Subject:** RE: Please reply by 8am tomorrow.  
**Importance:** High

Jordan – Here is the response to your question:

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Thanks!

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**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 7:21 PM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** Re: Nation of Islam

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**From:** Sandweg, John <John.Sandweg@dhs.gov>  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 16 19:17:38 2009  
**Subject:** RE: Nation of Islam

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 6:52 PM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** Fw: Nation of Islam

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**From:** Kroloff, Noah  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 16 18:22:24 2009  
**Subject:** RE: Nation of Islam

As I have said several times, and am now starting to feel like a broken record about, the foia office is a significant concern. The fact that you didn't know about this really does trouble me.

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 6:15 PM  
**To:** Kroloff, Noah  
**Subject:** Re: Nation of Islam

She is my director of foia operations. I didn't know anything abt this, will circle back.

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**From:** Kroloff, Noah  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 16 18:10:34 2009  
**Subject:** FW: Nation of Islam

Who is Vania

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**From:** Sandweg, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 6:01 PM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy; Smith, Sean; Kroloff, Noah; Chandler, Matthew; Kudwa, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: Nation of Islam

Turns out our FOIA office released this material. Although this is in litigation, Vania released it on December 15, 2009 pursuant to a June 19, 2009 request.

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**From:** Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 5:49 PM  
**To:** Miller, Matthew A (SMO); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Shapiro, Nicholas S.; Sandweg, John; Chandler, Matthew; Kudwa, Amy; Kuban, Sara A  
**Cc:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** Nation of Islam

We're getting pinged by all the major print outlets so far and here's what we're going with. You guys good at DOJ? Sorry, but exceptionally short fuse now.

*Proposed statement for questions on Nation of Islam:*

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*Statement on 2009 Docs (in addition to the previous statement, if asked):*

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*Q and A*

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**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Pressman, David [David.Pressman@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2009 5:18 PM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** RE: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

Of course not....send them directly. You guys should chat. Thanks, John.

David Pressman  
Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Deputy Secretary  
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**From:** Sandweg, John [mailto:John.Sandweg@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2009 5:10 PM  
**To:** Pressman, David  
**Subject:** RE: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

If it is ok with you, can I send them to her myself?

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**From:** Pressman, David [mailto:David.Pressman@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2009 4:53 PM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** RE: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

John,

As usual, your comments are very helpful. May I forward them along to Mary Ellen for action?

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**From:** Sandweg, John [mailto:John.Sandweg@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2009 12:29 PM  
**To:** Pressman, David  
**Cc:** Schneider, Drew  
**Subject:** RE: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

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**From:** Pressman, David [mailto:[David.Pressman@dhs.gov](mailto:David.Pressman@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 4:29 PM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** FW: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

See attached. Thanks for your comments.

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**From:** Schneider, Drew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 4:28 PM  
**To:** Pressman, David  
**Subject:** Here are the scanned documents that you requested

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**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Palmer, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2009 11:50 PM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** Re: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

John -

Forgive the delay in responding. I think the original email is good. I do have some suggested edits. Feel free to accept or reject at will. You should check formatting and spelling before you forward this to Pressman.

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Thanks for soliciting my thoughts.

Regards,

David

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Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

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**From:** Sandweg, John  
**To:** Palmer, David  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 01 17:26:14 2009  
**Subject:** FW: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

Can you see me at 6?

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**Subject:** RE: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

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**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 02, 2009 10:44 AM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Cc:** Palmer, David  
**Subject:** RE: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

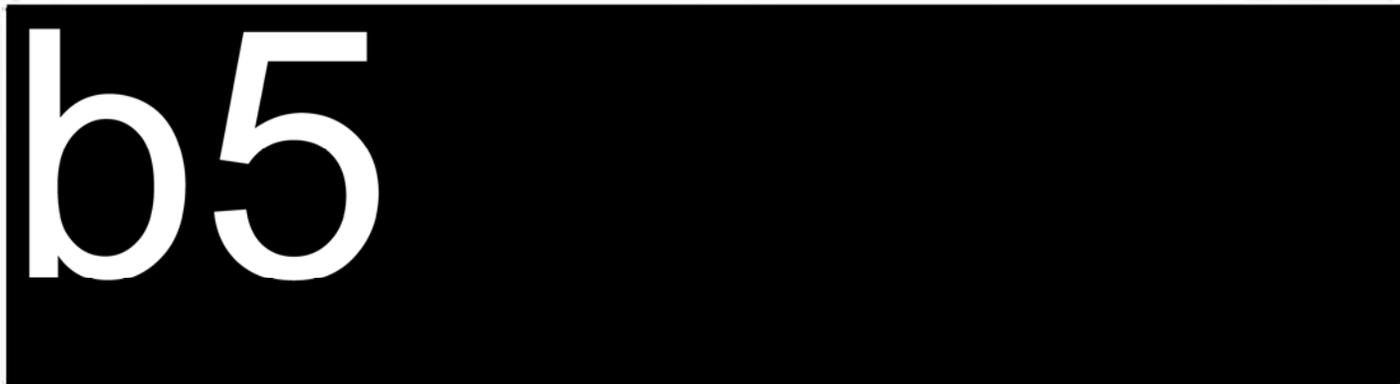
Very helpful. Thanks.

**Mary Ellen Callahan, CIPP**  
**Chief Privacy Officer**  
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**Website: [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy)**

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**From:** Sandweg, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 02, 2009 10:22 AM  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Cc:** Palmer, David  
**Subject:** FW: Here are the scanned documents that you requested

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**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Kroloff, Noah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2009 2:04 PM  
**To:** Sandweg, John; Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

We do. This week

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**From:** Sandweg, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2009 12:21 PM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy; Kroloff, Noah  
**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Did we get the meeting scheduled with MEC? I have some concerns that contractors are frequently doing substantive reviews to determine what is to be released.  
John R. Sandweg

Sent from my Blackberry Wireless Device.

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy  
**To:** Sandweg, John; Kroloff, Noah  
**Sent:** Tue Dec 15 11:58:35 2009  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2009 11:57 AM  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

We should talk about this further when we meet, but part of the timing issue in this review process is my staff ends up making edits to address basic typos in these response letters. Look at the recipient address in the attached- the name of the organization is wrong and the city is misspelled.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2009 11:47 AM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:[Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov](mailto:Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2009 11:27 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Papoi, Catherine; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen

**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Please expedite. And to be clear, this is a review, not an approval. Let's make sure we use the proper term.

Mary Ellen Callahan  
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**From:** Grossman, Jordan <Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov>  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>; Fox, Julia <Julia.Fox@dhs.gov>  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Dec 15 11:12:13 2009  
**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

No - we are reviewing today.

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan <Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov>; Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>; Fox, Julia <Julia.Fox@dhs.gov>  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Dec 15 11:08:08 2009  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Is the release approved by the front office?

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Deputy Chief FOIA Officer  
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**To:** Papoi, Catherine; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

This is my fault - I was out of the office until this morning.

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan <Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov>; Fox, Julia <Julia.Fox@dhs.gov>

**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>; Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Dec 15 11:02:14 2009  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Julia and Jordan,

Anything on the below response? Your review determination was due yesterday. We need to make sure that we flip these ASAP so we can eliminate any lag in getting the responses to the requesters. Under the Statute we have 20 business days to get the response to the requester and in this case, yesterday was the 20<sup>th</sup> day. Under the Statute, the requester now has the right to allege constructive denial and take us to court. Please advise soonest. Thank you.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 09, 2009 2:04 PM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Jordan and Julia,

OIG forwarded the attached proposed response for your review. Pursuant to your September 30, 2009 email, your office will review the release and provide a response to my office within three days of receipt. Please let me know as soon as you have finalized your review. Thank you!

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**From:** Gramian, Nikki [mailto:nikki.gramian@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 09, 2009 1:37 PM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Cc:** Gallo, Katherine  
**Subject:** Andrew Becker (OIG FOIA file# 2010-19)

Good Afternoon Ms. Papoi:

Attached is OIG's response in the above-captioned FOIA request. Please let us know when we can mail the attached response. Thanks so much!

<<Becker Response.pdf>>

*Nikki Gramian*

*DHS/Office of Inspector General*

*Office of Counsel*

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**Sandweg, John**


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**From:** Grossman, Jordan [mailto:[Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov](mailto:Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2009 3:13 PM  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen; Lockett, Vania; Sandweg, John  
**Cc:** Kropf, John  
**Subject:** RE: (FOIA) Please reply by noon on Wednesday.

Got it. What we are getting at with asking about status is when documents are likely to be turned over to the requesters. For these, I see how it makes sense that the requests were just received so there is not much to report however, it would be useful to include in the weekly update, in addition to the new significant requests you already list, the documents that are likely to be returned in response to pending requests in the current or following week. Thanks!

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:[Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov](mailto:Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2009 3:06 PM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Lockett, Vania; Sandweg, John  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Kropf, John  
**Subject:** RE: (FOIA) Please reply by noon on Wednesday.

Jordan – As Vania mentioned, when we first report "significant items", it is when we first receive the request, therefore by definition the status is "pending." As you know given the weekly report request, the process is multi-layered – including identifying the right component or office, informing them of the request, having them do a search, reviewing the materials, and then having the original component review the production as appropriate – therefore checking on status the week it is first submitted is probably not going to be very useful for you.

I was thinking that a brief tutorial on the FOIA process and procedures may be useful for you and whoever else would like to participate. Copying Sandweg in case he has attendees who should join. I think having more insight into the process may help refine your (and the White House) questions.

Please let me know what works for you.

Thanks,  
 Mary Ellen

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan [mailto:[Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov](mailto:Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2009 12:19 PM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Subject:** RE: (FOIA) Please reply by noon on Wednesday.

Thanks.

**From:** Lockett, Vania [mailto:[Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov](mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2009 12:04 PM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Subject:** RE: (FOIA) Please reply by noon on Wednesday.

Jordan,

I have provided answers to your questions below. In the future, please keep in mind that our weekly reports of significant FOIA activity generally include requests that were received during that week or in the week prior. As such, the status is usually that the request has been received and is in the process of being acknowledged or tasked to components for search. For a more detailed status update, you may want to wait two-to-three weeks before asking for a status update. Until a search is conducted, we may not have answers to questions like "are [the reports] classified?"

Also, please be advised that FOIA requestors are only required to provide a reasonable description of the records sought (i.e. enough information to allow us to conduct an adequate search for records). In many cases, at this initial receipt of request stage, our knowledge of the requested records is limited to the information provided in the FOIA request. We frequently utilize publicly available research tools such as the DHS website and Google to obtain further information. Much of the information you asked for was found on the DHS website. I strongly urge you to utilize our website to research this type of information in the future.

Q1. Why was this included even though it's from January? What is the Post Order Custody Review process?

- **1/13: Judy Rabinovitz**, an attorney for the ACLU (NY), requested from ICE records and statistics compiled for an OIG review pertaining to the Post Order Custody Review process. The request includes records related to ICE's compliance with detention limits for aliens with a final order of removal from the United States.

A1: This request was originally received by OIG and ICE and reported in January. It was inadvertently reported a second time after ICE received a June 1, 2009, referral of records from OIG. ICE conducts post order custody reviews of removable aliens to determine if continued detention is in compliance with laws and regulations. ICE is to assure that aliens meet the conditions of their release. You may also wish to review OIG report 07-28 titled "ICE's Compliance with Detention Limits for Aliens with a Final Order of Removal from the United States" for additional information. See [http://www.dhs.gov/xoig/assets/mgmt/rpts/OIG\\_07-28\\_Feb07.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xoig/assets/mgmt/rpts/OIG_07-28_Feb07.pdf). Further information can also be found on [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) or [www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov).

Q2. What is this facility? What is the status of this request?

- **5/12: Vanita Gupta**, from the ACLU (NY), requested from ICE copies of records pertaining to the T. Don Hutto Facility in Taylor, Texas.

A2: The T. Don Hutto Facility in Taylor, Texas is a detention facility (a place where we house illegal immigrants until which time they have a hearing and then are deported). See <http://www.ice.gov/pi/news/factsheets/huttofactsheet.htm>. The ICE FOIA Office received this request on May 28, 2009, and tasked its Detention and Removal Office to provide records to the FOIA Office for review by June 5, 2009.

Q3. Has she contacted OPA? What is the status of this request?

- **5/18: Elizabeth Dwoskin** of *The Village Voice* (NY) requested from USCIS records, memos and documents regarding identity and security check procedures and national security reporting requirements.

A3: We do not have knowledge of whether this requester has contacted OPA. The Asylum division of USCIS has located responsive records, which are pending review by the USCIS FOIA Office.

Q4. What is the status of this request?

- **5/20: Anthony Rothert** of the ACLU (MO), requested from USCIS the total number of detainees and total number of aliens whose custody is assumed by DHS.

A4: Upon review of this request, USCIS determined that it is solely under the purview of ICE and deferred to ICE to respond directly to the requestor.

Q5. What is the status of this request?

- **5/26: Anne Weismann**, a representative of **Citizens for Ethics and Responsibility in Washington**, requested from USSS all records pertaining to visits made by energy company CEOs to the White House or the residence of the Vice President from January 21, 2009 to the present.

A5: A status update from USSS is pending, as it must be approved by both the DOJ Federal Programs Branch and the White House before it can be released to you. However, as you were previously advised, the Secret Service has received a number of requests regarding access records to the White House Complex and/or the Vice President's Residence for this Administration as well as the past several administrations. At this time, the Secret Service responds to these requests by drafting a "litigation pending" letter based on the cases of *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington v. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*, Civil No. 06-1912, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and appellate Case No. 09-5014, pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, as well as the case of *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington v. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*, Civil No. 08-1535, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and appellate Case No. 09-5015, pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (consolidated with appellate Case No. 09-5014). Each letter states that after resolution of the litigation, the Secret Service will respond further to the request if necessary. However, each such request is treated individually, and each letter may vary depending upon which records are being requested. The Department of Justice, Federal Programs Branch, reviews these letters before they are sent out.

Q6. What is the status of this request?

- **5/27: Michael Filler**, Associate Director for *The International Brotherhood of Teamsters* (Washington, D.C.), requested from TSA records pertaining to the total number of employees who have union dues withheld and the name of the labor organization for which the dues are being paid, on an airport by airport basis.

A6: This request was received in the TSA FOIA Office on May 26, 2009. On May 27, TSA acknowledged receipt of request and initiated search taskings within the Office of Human Capital (OHC) and the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC). OHC should be forwarding responsive records to the FOIA Office today at which point TSA can process and send to OCC for concurrence.

Q7. What is the status of this request? Are these public reports or are they classified?

- **5/28: Michael Ravnitzky**, an individual from Silver Spring, MD, requested from DHS a copy of the October 2006 NSTAC Report on Global Infrastructure Resiliency and a copy of the February 2008 NSTAC Report on Network Operations Centers.

A7: This request was received in the Privacy Office as of May 28, 2009, and is scheduled to be referred to the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) for processing by June 5, 2009. Until a search is conducted and responsive records are located, we cannot answer as to their classification level. The NPPD FOIA Office is currently researching this matter.

Q8. What is the status of this request? What is the background of the DHS Branding Committee and the DHS Web Content and Design Committee?

- **5/28: Michael Ravnitzky**, an individual from Silver Spring, MD, requested from DHS the meeting minutes and agendas for the DHS Branding Committee and the DHS Web Content and Design Committee for the time period from January 1, 2006 to the present.

A8: This request was received in the Privacy Office as of May 28, 2009, and is scheduled to be tasked out this week to the Management Directorate (MGMT) and the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) to search for records. As for the background of the DHS Branding Committee and DHS Web Content and Design Committee, this question should be directed to OPA, the office charged with management of the DHS brand and identity. More information is available at [www.dhs.gov/branding](http://www.dhs.gov/branding) or 202-282-8010.

Q9. What is the status of this request? What is NCS?

- **5/28: Michael Ravnitzky**, an individual from Silver Spring, MD, requested from DHS the NCS Directives 3-2, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, and 3-10, Minimum Requirements for Continuity Communications Capabilities.

A9: This request was received in the Privacy Office as of May 28, 2009, and is scheduled to be referred to the National Protection and Programs Directorate by June 5, 2009. NCS stands for National Communications System. "The mission of the NCS is to assist the President, the National Security Council, the Homeland Security Council, the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Office of

Management and Budget, in the coordination of the planning for and provisioning of national security and emergency preparedness communications for the Federal Government under all circumstances, including crisis or emergency, attack, recovery and reconstitution.” For more information on this system, please visit <http://www.ncs.gov/faq.html>.

Q10. What is the status of this request? What is the PACER system? How does it relate to DHS?

- **5/28: Carl Malamud**, President of *Public.Resource.Org*, requested from DHS all records concerning funding, including memoranda of understanding, for DHS’ access to the PACER system run by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

A10: This request was received by the Privacy Office on May 28, 2009, and we are in the process of determining the scope of the request prior to acknowledging it. PACER is a system run by the Administrative Office of the Courts. It is used by DHS attorneys to access case and docket information from the courts. You may wish to visit <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/> for more information on PACER. Below is some information pasted from this website:

**Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER)** is an electronic public access service that allows users to obtain case and docket information from Federal Appellate, District and Bankruptcy courts, and from the U.S. Party/Case Index via the Internet. Links to all courts are provided from this web site. Electronic access is available by registering with the PACER Service Center, the judiciary’s centralized registration, billing, and technical support center.

Each court maintains its own databases with case information. Because PACER database systems are maintained within each court, each jurisdiction will have a different URL. Accessing and querying information from each service is comparable; however, the format and content of information provided may differ slightly.

PACER is a service of the United States Judiciary. The PACER Service Center is operated by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

For more information see the [PACER Description](#) page.

Q11. What is the status of this request? When was this conference?

- **5/28: Steven Emerson**, a representative of *SAE Productions*, (Washington, D.C.), requested from DHS all records of correspondence between DHS and the following individuals and groups related to a conference organized by the University of Delaware Center for Islamic Studies titled “The American Muslim Community and the U.S. Government: Need for Constructive Engagement”: 1) Muqtadar Khan, 2) Dr. Abubaker al Shimgieti, 3) Council on American Islamic Relations, 4) Muslim American Society – Freedom Foundation, and 5) International Institute of Islamic Thought.

A11: This request was received in the Privacy Office as of May 28, 2009. We are currently working on an acknowledgment and tasking the request to the Executive Secretariat and to the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to search for records. As for the referenced conference, according to the request letter, it took place on April 28, 2009. For further information on the conference, I suggest reaching out to CRCL or the University of Delaware.

If you have questions, please give me a call.

Regards,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2009 9:07 PM

**To:** Lockett, Vania

**Subject:** (FOIA) Please reply by noon on Wednesday.

Some follow up on the weekly report. If these requests are actually fairly minor, please let me know (tried to include only those that involved a nonprofit, media organization, or that will generate interest as opposed to individual requesters).

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Thanks!

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**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2009 10:27 AM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** Re: Foia

That may be a good compromise. Let's keep finding solutions. :)  
Mary Ellen Callahan  
Chief Privacy Officer  
Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Sandweg, John <John.Sandweg@dhs.gov>  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Nov 04 10:22:54 2009  
**Subject:** RE: Foia

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2009 9:58 AM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** Foia

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**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Sandweg, John [John.Sandweg@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2009 2:28 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) Sandweg, John; (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Palmer, David  
**Subject:** Re: DHS FOIA request

Gladly.

Blake-

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John R. Sandweg

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** Sandweg, John ; Roberts, Blake C.  
**Sent:** Thu May 28 12:33:02 2009  
**Subject:** DHS FOIA request

Hi John- Amy forwarded on the FOIA request that DHS received for the weekly report. Can you be in touch with Blake Roberts from WH counsel's office, cc'd, on that?  
Thanks very much!  
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Astri Kimball  
White House Cabinet Affairs

**Sandweg, John**


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**From:** Kroloff, Noah [mailto:[Noah.Kroloff@dhs.gov](mailto:Noah.Kroloff@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 9:13 AM  
**To:** Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; De Vallance, Brian; Grossman, Jordan; Hartman, Katrina R; Brown, Mary Ellen  
**Subject:** RE: ARRA travel FOIA

We will have a new process by COB today.

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**From:** Sandweg, John [mailto:[John.Sandweg@dhs.gov](mailto:John.Sandweg@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 8:13 AM  
**To:** Smith, Sean; Kroloff, Noah; Shlossman, Amy; De Vallance, Brian; Grossman, Jordan; Hartman, Katrina R; Brown, Mary Ellen; Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** Re: ARRA travel FOIA

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John R. Sandweg

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**From:** Smith, Sean  
**To:** Kroloff, Noah ; Shlossman, Amy ; de Vallance, Brian ; Shlossman, Amy ; Grossman, Jordan ; Hartman, Katrina R ; Brown, Mary Ellen ; Sandweg, John ; Smith, Sean  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 09 08:00:48 2009  
**Subject:** RE: ARRA travel FOIA

First for me, don't know the reporter either. Mary Ellen Callahan is the person you want

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**From:** Kroloff, Noah [mailto:[Noah.Kroloff@dhs.gov](mailto:Noah.Kroloff@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 7:47 AM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy; de Vallance, Brian; Shlossman, Amy; Grossman, Jordan; Hartman, Katrina R; Brown, Mary Ellen; Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** RE: ARRA travel FOIA

We are supposed to have vis on all foia req's period, not just ARRA. To my knowledge, we have done a total of 2 meetings reviewing schedules sought by a foia. I think OGC has a sense of all of this stuff before it goes. John—ring any bells? OGC, OPA and front office needs to see all foia stuff

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 7:12 AM  
**To:** de Vallance, Brian; Shlossman, Amy; Grossman, Jordan; Hartman, Katrina R; Brown, Mary Ellen; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Kroloff, Noah  
**Subject:** RE: ARRA travel FOIA

**Hmmm, that's not good.**

**Jordan- can you follow-up with Mary Ellen Callahan and remind her that we need to sign off on any ARRA related FOIA responses and find out what was released.**

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**From:** de Vallance, Brian [mailto:[Brian.DeVallance@dhs.gov](mailto:Brian.DeVallance@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 7:10 AM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy; Grossman, Jordan; De Vallance, Brian; Hartman, Katrina R; Brown, Mary Ellen; Fox, Julia  
**Subject:** Re: ARRA travel FOIA

Never heard of it.

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan ; De Vallance, Brian ; Hartman, Katrina ; Brown, Mary Ellen ; Fox, Julia  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 09 06:58:09 2009  
**Subject:** ARRA travel FOIA  
From the FOIA office in their weekly report.

- On August 28<sup>th</sup>, DHS released to [Michael Grabel](#) of *ProPublica* (New York, NY), 39 pages of records in response to his request for vouchers and expense reports related to Secretary Napolitano's travels discussing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Does anyone know what this is about?

Brian, have you been looped in?

First I've seen of it.

**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Palmer, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2009 6:04 PM  
**To:** Button, Christopher; Lockett, Vania; Clark-Moe, Loren  
**Cc:** Sandweg, John; Totaro, Juliana; Neal, Sonnita; Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** RE: Action Directives for FOIA and GAO requests

Chris –

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Regards,

David

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**From:** Button, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2009 5:26 PM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania; Palmer, David; Clark-Moe, Loren  
**Cc:** Sandweg, John; Totaro, Juliana; Neal, Sonnita; Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** RE: Action Directives for FOIA and GAO requests

With that understanding—that nothing will go out without prior notice to me—I'll have everything we have sent down to you first thing in the am.

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2009 4:36 PM  
**To:** Button, Christopher; Palmer, David; Clark-Moe, Loren  
**Cc:** Sandweg, John; Totaro, Juliana; Neal, Sonnita  
**Subject:** RE: Action Directives for FOIA and GAO requests

Chris,

As it relates to the FOIA request, we are legally required to collect all responsive records that are in the Department's possession as of the date that we began our search. The following documents must be provided to the Privacy Office:

- Exec Sec – provide all documents collected in response to the Secretary's Action directives, to include all versions and all drafts
- Components – provide all documents that accompanied their oral briefings to the Secretary.

Once those records are collected, they will be reviewed for releasability, and any information found to be exempt from disclosure pursuant to one or more of the FOIA exemptions will be withheld (i.e. redacted or removed from the documents). We would certainly work with you or whoever your office designates to determine what information should be withheld and to apply the appropriate FOIA exemptions. In cases where there are no reasonably segregable portions of a document to be released, the document will be withheld in full. Also, my understanding is that many of the documents are currently in draft form and are marked up with comments from the components and from counsel. Such documents will likely qualify for protection pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5 under the Deliberative Process Privilege and the Attorney/Client Privilege. A copy of our proposed response to the FOIA requester will be routed to your office and to OGC for clearance prior to release.

If you have further questions regarding the FOIA request, you may reach me at (b) (6)

Thank you.

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**From:** Button, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2009 11:55 AM  
**To:** Palmer, David; Lockett, Vania; Clark-Moe, Loren  
**Cc:** Sandweg, John; Totaro, Juliana; Neal, Sonnita  
**Subject:** Action Directives for FOIA and GAO requests

I have some overlapping requests for these Action Directives—b5 one from the FOIA office (copied here).b5

David/Vania/Loren: Can you all discuss and come up with a consolidated position/recommendation for me to provide to the front office

For 100% clarity: none of these should be released without me knowing about it beforehand. b5  
b5

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**Sandweg, John**

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2009 9:11 PM  
**To:** charlie.rose@ed.gov; Sandweg, John; missy.owens@hq.doe.gov; AnaMarie.Argilagos@hud.gov; art.gary@sol.doi.gov; joan.deboer@dot.gov; Will.Gunn@va.gov  
**Cc:** (b) (6) Lu, Christopher P.  
**Subject:** Ravnitzky FOIA Requests for Weekly Reports

All,

Each of your departments has received the following FOIA request: "I hereby request a copy of each Weekly Department Report for [your department] produced between January 1, 2009 and May 1, 2009. For your reference, I understand that the Weekly Department Report (or something with a similar designation) is comprised of a brief report from each of the offices and is produced through the Office of the Secretary."

We anticipate that many of the documents that are responsive to this request will have White House equities – either because they are communications to the White House or agency documents created in preparation for communication with the White House. After your department gathers all responsive documents, based on your interpretation of the request, please transmit a copy set of all materials with White House equities to the White House Counsel's Office. When you transmit the request, please designate who your office's point of contact should be. We will give the copy set to your departmental liaison, who will work with your point of contact to ensure that any White House equities in the documents are properly addressed.

To arrange drop-off of the copy set, please email (b) (6) who is copied here.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Blake  
  
Blake Roberts  
Deputy Associate White House Counsel  
(b) (6) (w)  
(b) (6) (m)

**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen [Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2009 11:28 AM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** Fw: Update re meeting with Philip McNamara, Sean Murtagh, Amy S. and Mary Ellen Brown

Part of solution.  
Mary Ellen Callahan  
Chief Privacy Officer  
Department of Homeland Security

(b) (6)

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Cc:** 'Papoi, Catherine' <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Nov 04 11:21:46 2009  
**Subject:** Update re meeting with Philip McNamara, Sean Murtagh, Amy S. and Mary Ellen Brown

The meeting went very well and resulted in the development of the following procedures:

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From: Callahan, Mary Ellen  
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 3:48 PM  
To: Sandweg, John  
Subject: FW: OVERDUE FOIA SEARCH REQUEST (DHS/OS/PRIV 09-915)



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From: Callahan, Mary Ellen  
To: Papoi, Catherine  
Cc: catherine.papoi@dhs.gov <catherine.papoi@dhs.gov>  
Sent: Wed Nov 11 14:23:49 2009  
Subject: RE: OVERDUE FOIA SEARCH REQUEST (DHS/OS/PRIV 09-915)

From your email, I wasn't sure when the records were to be sent; based on the summary below, is it that we get the records directly, but OGC clears the package (which makes sense). Just wanted to confirm, I didn't have a chance to bring up to JS yesterday, was going to email him today

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From: Papoi, Catherine  
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 4:13 PM  
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen  
Cc: catherine.papoi@dhs.gov  
Subject: Fw: OVERDUE FOIA SEARCH REQUEST (DHS/OS/PRIV 09-915)



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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Tue Nov 10 16:06:14 2009  
**Subject:** FW: OVERDUE FOIA SEARCH REQUEST (DHS/OS/PRIV 09-915)

Catherine,

See below. I was under the impression that, going forward, ESEC would send records to this office prior to seeking OGC review; however, Sonnita indicates in her e-mail below that she has not provided records in the subject request, as they're pending review by OGC/John Sandweg. We may need to talk to Phil again to ensure we're all on the same page. b5

Thanks.

Vania

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**From:** Neal, Sonnita [mailto:Sonnita.Neal@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2009 4:02 PM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania; Neal, Sonnita  
**Cc:** Mcnamara, Phil; Murtagh, Sean R  
**Subject:** Re: OVERDUE FOIA SEARCH REQUEST (DHS/OS/PRIV 09-915)

Vania,

This is being reviewed by OGC and I've sent a follow-up request to John.

Thanks,  
Sonnita Neal

(b) (6)

Sent from my Blackberry Wireless Device.

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**From:** Lockett, Vania <Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov>  
**To:** Neal, Sonnita <Sonnita.Neal@dhs.gov>  
**Cc:** McNamara, Phil <Phil.Mcnamara@dhs.gov>; Murtagh, Sean <Sean.Murtagh@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Nov 10 12:51:45 2009  
**Subject:** OVERDUE FOIA SEARCH REQUEST (DHS/OS/PRIV 09-915)

Sonnita,

Good afternoon.

I am following up on the attached FOIA search request for which a response was due to the Privacy Office on September 8, 2009. DHS is now more than a month past the statutory deadline for response to the FOIA request. Do you have any update as to the status of this request?

Regards,

**Vania T. Lockett, CIPP/G**

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**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Grant, Daniel  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2009 2:51 PM  
**To:** Stampley, Lydia  
**Cc:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** FW: just a head's up

FYI. The front office said to hold on this until further guidance.

Lydia – I informed Chloe that you would be the point person on this since it deals with Mr. Martin and is for the month of January.

Dan Grant  
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**From:** Himmel, Chloe  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2009 9:54 AM  
**To:** Grant, Daniel; Heller, Jacob N; Whithorne, Bobby; Simmons, Caroline; Whitaker, Aisha; Brown, Mary Ellen  
**Subject:** just a head's up

Hey guys,

Just a head's up, the privacy office got a FOIA request from the AP asking for the January calendar, telephone logs and appointment schedule for the Secretary and some of her staff, namely: David Martin, Brian, Sean, Noah and Jan. So the privacy office asked us who from each office they should contact about getting this information so I gave them you guys' names so just giving you a head's up that you will probably be contacted by the privacy office on this.

**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2009 2:57 PM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*November 9, 2009  
**Attachments:** 09-517 Final Response - JW-VTL - Draft 11-6-09.doc; 09-517 Peck Initial Request.pdf; RE: F/U - FOIA 09-517 - Extremism and Radicalization Branch Mission Statement; PRIV 09-517; FOIA response - Peck.doc

Here are the materials and our suggested edits to the response letter. When you get a chance, give me a call and I'll relay what the issues are. Thanks!

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**From:** Fox, Julia  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2009 4:00 PM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*November 9, 2009

This is the original. Really strange, but I can't find your edited version in my email...

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Monday, November 09, 2009 10:27 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*November 9, 2009

Jordan and Julia,

Privacy/HQ forwarded the attached request and proposed response pertaining to rightwing extremism for your review. Pursuant to your September 30, 2009 email, your office will review the release and provide a response to my office within three days of receipt. Please let me know as soon as you have finalized your review. Thank you!

C

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2009 11:38 AM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** FW: PRIV 09-517 - RWE Case - Front Office Review Request

Catherine – The attached rightwing extremism-related response has been cleared by I&A. I am forwarding this to you to obtain clearance from the Front Office.

Regards,

Vania

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**From:** Wolfrey, Jimmy <CTR>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2009 11:31 AM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania  
**Subject:** PRIV 09-517 - RWE Case - Front Office Review Request

Vania,

I&A Intelligence Office cleared the final response for PRIV 09-517. The Front Office now needs to clear before release.

Attached:

- 1) 09-517 Final Response Letter – Draft
- 2) 09-517 Initial Request
- 3) Email – Extremism and Radicalization Branch Mission Statement Draft (RE: F/U – FOIA 09-517 – Extremism and Radicalization Branch Mission Statement)
- 4) Email – I&A Intelligence clearance (PRIV 09-517)

Thank You,

**Jimmy Wolfrey**

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**Sandweg, John**

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2009 2:30 PM  
**To:** Kroloff, Noah; Sandweg, John; Smith, Sean  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

We need to talk about this at some point soon

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2009 10:28 AM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2009 9:44 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Jordan and Julia,

**b5**

b5 Let me  
know if there are other questions. Thanks

C

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2009 4:29 PM

**To:** Papoi, Catherine; Fox, Julia  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Hi Catherine,

I apologize again for the delay. We're a little confused as to why the first two documents in this package have been included, as they don't seem directly relevant to the request and are neither official documents nor produced by the Department. Is there a particular reason for their inclusion?

Thanks! Again, sorry for the delay.

Jordan

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2009 8:22 AM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Are we clear on this one?

C

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan <Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov>, Fox, Julia <Julia.Fox@dhs.gov>  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Oct 23 13:12:31 2009  
**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

The requester is an individual.

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** [catherine.papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:catherine.papoi@dhs.gov) <[catherine.papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:catherine.papoi@dhs.gov)>  
**Sent:** Fri Oct 23 12:38:45 2009  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Hi Catherine-

I apologize again for the delay – we are reviewing as fast as possible. One quick question: is the requester a member of the media or advocacy organization or an individual?

Thanks!

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2009 7:52 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** [catherine.papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:catherine.papoi@dhs.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Any word on this case?

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** [catherine.papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:catherine.papoi@dhs.gov) <[catherine.papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:catherine.papoi@dhs.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thu Oct 22 09:25:34 2009  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

We really need to get this out the door this week. Can you review by COB tomorrow?

C

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2009 5:03 PM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** [catherine.papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:catherine.papoi@dhs.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Hi Catherine,

We've had a few unexpected issues pop up this week, so we're going to need a bit more time. Sorry again for the delay!

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2009 5:45 PM  
**To:** Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Grossman, Jordan; [catherine.papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:catherine.papoi@dhs.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Not a problem. Thanks for letting me know.

C

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**From:** Fox, Julia  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Cc:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Tue Oct 20 17:35:35 2009  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*

Catherine,

Due to unexpected and urgent tasks that we've had to deal with over the past three days, we're going to need an extra day for this one. Is it okay if we get back to you on this tomorrow?

Thank you,

Julia

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Friday, October 16, 2009 8:22 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine; Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Subject:** \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED\*\*\*  
**Importance:** High

Jordan and Julia,

Privacy/FOIA forwarded the attached incoming request and proposed response pertaining to rightwing extremism for your review. The release is comprised solely of open source material that has been cleared by I&A. Pursuant to your September 30, 2009 email, your office will review the release and provide a response to my office within three days of receipt. Please let me know as soon as you have finalized your review. Thank you and have a great weekend.

C

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy [Amy.Shlossman@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 2:57 PM  
**To:** Sandweg, John  
**Cc:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA submission status updates

This woman is a lunatic.

Sandweg, you have to attend this mtg- if nothing else, for the comic relief

**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 2:53 PM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA submission status updates

They really hate us.

**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 2:49 PM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Cc:** Fox, Julia; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Holzerland, William  
**Subject:** FOIA submission status updates

Jordan,

Below are the status updates that you requested. Please note that, as FOIA professionals, we are not subject matter experts. Going forward, any substantive questions regarding the records should be directed to the respective program offices. I look forward to meeting you tomorrow, and we can discuss this further.

Thanks.

Vania

FOIA Case / Additional Questions	Status Update
<p><b>6/18: Jesse Franzblau</b> of <i>The National Security Archive</i> in Washington requested from ICE all documents pertaining to Operation Desert Safeguard, a cooperative effort between the U.S. and Mexico to reduce migrant deaths in the Sonora Desert area.</p> <p>- What is Operation Desert Safeguard?</p>	<p><b>ICE:</b> currently conducting a search of the ICE Office of Detention and Removal Operations and the ICE Office of Investigations for responsive records.</p> <p>- Operation Desert Safeguard is a joint U.S. – Mexico operation which aims to reduce the number of people who die trying to cross the Sonoran Desert that extends from Mexico's state of Sonora into the state of Arizona. The CBP Border Patrol assigned 150 agents to this desert corridor, including agents from the</p>

	<i>Border Patrol Tactical Unit and specialized agents from the Border Patrol's Search, Trauma, and Rescue Team (BORSTAR).</i>
<p><b>6/19: Jesse Franzblau of <i>The National Security Archive</i></b> in Washington requested from ICE and CBP all documents related to deaths of Mexican migrants in the Arizona-Sonora area in 2003, and any safety or security measures taken in response to these incidents.</p>	<p><b>CBP:</b> A request has been sent out to the Office of Border Patrol to search for any responsive documents.</p> <p><b>ICE:</b> currently conducting a search of the ICE Office of Detention and Removal Operations and the ICE Office of Investigations for responsive records.</p>
<p><b>6/19: Nathan Cardozo of <i>Electronic Frontier Foundation</i></b> in San Francisco requested from OIG:</p> <p>1) All DHS records, including but not limited to electronic records, all reports submitted to the Intelligence Oversight Board (IOB) pursuant to Section 2.4 of Executive Order 12863 from 2/25/2008 to 2/29/2008; 2) All reports submitted to the IOB or the Director of National Intelligence pursuant to Section 1.7(d) of Executive Order 12333 from 2/29/20098 to the present; and 3) All reports of assessments or reviews of intelligence activities by the President's Intelligence Advisory Board to DHS pursuant to Section 4(a)(ii) of Executive Order 13462 from 2/29/2008 to the present.</p> <p><i>- Does this mean all assessments of DHS intelligence activities made by the President's Intelligence Advisory Board? In plain language, what are these EOs about?</i></p>	<p><b>OIG:</b> currently in the administrative stage of preparing a case file and responding initially to the requester.</p> <p><i>- the EOs in question provide guidance to all agencies to provide the IOB with quarterly reports of all information and intelligence that is contrary to Executive Order, not being adequately handled within an agency, or not being appropriately handled by the Attorney General, the Director of National Intelligence, or the head of an agency. The requester seeks both records submitted to the IOB as well as records produced by the OIB in response to DHS submissions.</i></p>
<p><b>6/19: Steven Emerson of <i>SAE Productions</i></b> in Washington requested from USCIS records pertaining to the February 2009 meeting between the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Civil Rights Director and USCIS.</p> <p><i>- What was this meeting about? Was it a public/open press event?</i></p>	<p><b>USCIS:</b> has received and is in the process of reviewing documents related to the request.</p> <p><i>- The meeting was a public event held by the USCIS Office of Communications as well as the Community Relations Division. The meeting focused on a presentation by FDNS, statistical information on N-400 applications and I-485 applications, Fee Waiver Report Summaries, and a small question and answer session.</i></p>
<p><b>6/22: Michael Rey with <i>CBS News</i></b> in New York requested from FEMA air quality testing conducted by the CDC/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ASTDR) relating to formaldehyde and FEMA travel trailers in Purvis, MS, and copies of communications between CDC/ATSDR and FEMA between 8/1/2007 and 11/2/2007.</p> <p><i>- What documents exactly are being requested</i></p>	<p><b>FEMA:</b> This request was sent as a referral from the CDC with documents for FEMA's review and release. FEMA has no further account of the records released other than what they have in hand, which are email strings with FEMA equities.</p> <p><i>- The submission description of records is verbatim from the request. As FEMA is only</i></p>

<p><i>related to the testing – testing results or documents pertaining to the testing process?</i></p>	<p><i>processing records received from the CDC, no search for records will be conducted.</i></p>
<p><b>6/22: Holbrook Mohr</b> with <i>AP</i> in Jackson, MS requested from FEMA any and all documents, including itemizations for room rates and room service expenditures, related to a \$1,414,500 contract for hotel rooms pertaining to Hurricane Katrina.</p> <p><i>- Do we have any more details on this contract?</i></p>	<p><b>FEMA:</b> currently in the administrative phase of the case; the request has been acknowledged and FEMA is in the process of gathering records.</p> <p><i>- This contract can be identified under contract number GSHSFE0606P7847. The vendor for this contract is Hilton Head Marriott Beach and Golf Resort in New Orleans, Louisiana. The time period for this contract is between 10/1/2005 and 9/3/2006.</i></p>
<p><b>6/22: Brad Heath</b> with <i>USA Today</i> in Washington requested from FEMA data on Public Assistance applications and awards from 2004 to the present, including location of projects, the disaster number, and the amount of funding obligated.</p>	<p><b>FEMA:</b> currently in the administrative phase of the case; the request has been acknowledged and FEMA is in the process of gathering records.</p> <p><i>- <b>Mr. Heath</b> is not requesting records of a specific contract, but rather a listing of Public Assistance projects that "would include, but is not limited to, the name and location of the applicant, a description of the project, the category of Public Assistance funding, the relevant disaster number and the date on which the application was made. It would also include the amount of funding requested and obligated, as well as any information about milestones in the review process such as the dates and dollar values of subsequent worksheet versions, administrative appeals, recoupments or other modifications."</i></p>
<p><b>6/22: Jesse Franzblau</b> of <i>The National Security Archive</i> in Washington requested from ICE all documents related to the "Local Arrangement for Repatriation of Mexican Nationals" agreement between the U.S. and Mexico.</p> <p><i>- What is this agreement?</i></p>	<p><b>ICE:</b> currently conducting a search of the ICE Executive Secretariat and the ICE Office of International Affairs for responsive records.</p> <p><i>- Signed 6/27/2006, this agreement between DHS/CBP/ICE and the Instituto Nacional de Migracion, part of the Mexican Secretariat of Governance, and the Mexican Consulate in Texas, allowed for the implementation of a pilot program in El Paso, Texas and Chicago, Illinois for the safe, humane, and orderly repatriation of Mexican nationals as part of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) program.</i></p>
<p><b>6/22: Anne Weismann</b> of <i>Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington</i> requested from USSS all records relating to visits by</p>	<p><b>USSS:</b> this request is being reviewed by the USSS Office of Chief Counsel.</p>

<p>specific representatives of pharmaceutical, health insurance, and other healthcare-related companies, to the White House or the residence of the Vice President from 1/21/2009 to the present.</p> <p><i>- Will this will be handled as other USSS requests of this type are— pending court decisions?</i></p>	<p><i>- This request will be handled as a “pending litigation” request. A letter to the requester indicating this is pending within the USSS FOIA Office.</i></p>
<p><b>6/23: Travis Loller</b> of <i>AP</i> in Brentwood, TN requested from ICE copies of e-mails sent from ICE to the Davidson County Sheriff’s Office (TN) that describe plans by ICE to no longer detain illegal immigrants identified under the local 287(g) program who are arrested for traffic violations other than DUIs.</p>	<p><b>ICE:</b> currently conducting a search of the ICE Office of Detention and Removal Operations and the ICE Office of State and Local Coordination for responsive records.</p>
<p><b>6/23: John Greenwald, Jr.</b> of <i>The Black Vault Radio Show</i> in Northridge, CA requested from the USCG records relating to Operation Distant Shore.</p>	<p><b>USCG:</b> request is pending acknowledgment by USCG.</p>
<p><b>6/25: John Verdi</b> of <b>Electronic Privacy Information Center</b> in Washington requested from DHS all agency records concerning appointments and meetings between Chief Privacy Officer Mary Ellen Callahan and non-governmental individuals or entities from the date of her appointment, 3/9/09, to the present, as well as all agency records concerning Ms. Callahan’s 5/29/09 appointments and meetings.</p> <p><i>- Do we know why they are interested in 5/29/2009 specifically?</i></p>	<p><b>PRIV:</b> Compiling records and issuing acknowledgement letter to the requester.</p> <p><i>- EPIC’s Privacy Coalition invited the CPO to their monthly meeting on 5/29/2009, to which the CPO did not attend. EPIC wishes to see what the CPO had on her agenda that prevented her from attending.</i></p>
<p><b>6/25: Emily Ramshaw</b> of <i>The Dallas Morning News</i> in Austin requested from ICE the following, as they pertain to a provided list of Texas detention facilities: 1) All inspection/conditions reports since 1/1/2007; 2) The number of abuse, neglect or exploitation allegations at each of these facilities in each of the last two years, and the percentage that were confirmed; 3) The number of psychiatrists or psychologists currently employed at each of these facilities.</p>	<p><b>ICE:</b> currently conducting a search of the ICE Office of Detention and Removal Operations for responsive records.</p>
<p><b>6/25: John Verdi</b> of <b>Electronic Privacy Information Center</b> in Washington requested from DHS MGMT National Security Presidential Directive 54, and related records in possession of the agency.</p> <p><i>- What does this directive say? Is this Directive unclassified?</i></p>	<p><b>MGMT:</b> This request was referred to PRIV for direct response on 6/26/2009.</p> <p><i>- This directive is classified Top Secret and concerns a series of efforts to protect Government systems and reduce potential vulnerabilities, protect against intrusion attempts, and anticipate future threats through cyber security and monitoring.</i></p>

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