

From: [Lockett, Vania](#)
To: [Lockett, Vania](#); [Papoi, Catherine](#)
Cc: (b) (6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: Partial Release to 09-990/Washington Post (Tagged Request)
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 4:47:10 PM

Catherine,

Have you sent this up to the Front Office for review yet? We need to make a small revision to the package.

Thanks.

Vania

From: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2009 2:43 PM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Lockett, Vania; (b) (6) <CTR>
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Papoi, Catherine

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 7:33 PM
To: Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov
Subject: Re: Nation of Islam

This release was most likely part of the of the court ordered release we made Tuesday in the lawsuit he references below. Vania has been working with counsel on the lawsuit.

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To: Lockett, Vania <Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov>; Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Dec 16 18:46:20 2009
Subject: Fw: Nation of Islam

Vania, let's talk tomorrow. Can you pull the documents for me? Thanks.

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From: Callahan, Mary Ellen
To: Kroloff, Noah
Sent: Wed Dec 16 18:15:15 2009
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

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); Schmalzer, 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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[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [Callahan, Mary Ellen](#)
To: [Lockett, Vania](#); [Papoi, Catherine](#)
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009 6:11:24 PM

Vania – see below re ARRA. Had we sent it through WH GC? If not, we probably should. And can you get the CBS News date? Thanks a lot. mec

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From: Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 5:54 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy
Cc: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Thanks, Amy. I will confirm that my staff knows that ARRA FOIAs need to be cleared by WH GC; I believe they do know that, but it isn't clear from below. I will also find out when the previous Congressional correspondence was produced. With regard to the b(6) – privacy—claim, there are a few redactions in the heart of the letters that redact direct dial phone numbers; it is standard FOIA practice based on case law to redact direct dial numbers (but not general office numbers) and lower level employees.

I am about to send you an email on the descriptive process (relating to yesterday's question about quoting the request or not).

Thanks,
Mary Ellen

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From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 4:56 PM

To: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Mary Ellen-

A few flags on this request/ response-

First, regarding the responsive documents, all ARRA FOIA's need to be cleared by WH GC per the Recovery Board. I'm not sure if that has been communicated to your office, but we should add them to this process for any ARRA related docs. Vania's email below indicates this information has already been released. We hadn't seen these docs so they probably went out before we started seeing responses. In any case, can you please find out when the docs were released?

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[Redacted]

Thanks,

Amy

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 3:15 PM
To: Shlossman, Amy
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2009 8:57 AM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia
Cc: 'Papoi, Catherine'
Subject: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Jordan and Julia,

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review. Thank you!

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From: [Lockett, Vania](#)
To: [Papoi, Catherine](#)
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009 8:09:03 AM

No, we didn't coordinate this with the White House. We don't generally coordinate with them on Congressional correspondence unless there are White House equities in the documents. I hadn't heard that the White House wanted to review all Congressional correspondence relating to ARRA.

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 6:52 PM
To: Lockett, Vania
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From: Grossman, Jordan
To: Papoi, Catherine; Fox, Julia
Cc: 'Papoi, Catherine' <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Dec 16 18:30:12 2009
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***

Thanks! To confirm, was this response coordinated with the White House Counsel's office?

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From: [Grossman, Jordan](#)
To: [Lockett, Vania](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009 11:49:53 AM

My mistake, sorry.

From: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 11:49 AM
To: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE:

Jordan,

Please direct these inquiries to Sandy Hawkins who is Director of Administration and Executive Secretary for the Privacy Office.

Thanks.

Vania

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 11:23 AM
To: Lockett, Vania
Subject:

Is this open press?

- **7/22-7/23:** The Privacy Office will host the **Government 2.0: Privacy and Best Practices Workshop** in D.C., bringing together leading academic, private-sector, and public-sector experts to discuss privacy issues posed by social media; Chief Privacy Officer Mary Callahan will speak on 7/22.

Thanks!

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From: [Fox, Julia](#)
To: [Lockett, Vania](#); [Papoi, Catherine](#)
Cc: [Grossman, Jordan](#)
Subject: RE: (FOIA) Please reply by 4pm today
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009 9:51:20 AM

This is great – thank you!

From: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 9:46 AM
To: Fox, Julia; Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: (FOIA) Please reply by 4pm today

Julia,

Below are the answers to your additional questions:

1 – How many of pending perfected request do we have from FY2009/earlier?

The Department as a whole had 27,182 pending requests at the end of Fiscal Year 2009. Of those, 23,756 were perfected requests. This reflects a 68% reduction in the backlog since the start of the Fiscal Year. This information will be reported in the Fiscal Year 2009 Freedom of Information Act Annual Report to the Attorney General, which is due out in early January and subsequently will be made available via the DHS website.

2 – Do/will any other components allow the public to file FOIA requests online through the website?

Most DHS components accept FOIA requests via e-mail. Additionally, the following DHS components reported that they do or will allow the public to file FOIA requests online through their websites:

- ICE accepts FOIA requests online via its website.
- USCIS accepts FOIA requests online via its website.
- FLETC allows requesters to file requests online.
- TSA has electronic request capability accessible from tsa.gov.
- CBP is in the process of developing a business case which will allow us to pursue an automated FOIA system. One of the requirements for our new FOIA system will be that members of the public have the ability to submit FOIA requests via CBP.gov.

I hope this answers your questions.

Regards,

Vania

From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 9:27 PM
To: Lockett, Vania; Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: (FOIA) Please reply by 4pm today

Vania,

A couple final questions on these. We would appreciate any response you can provide by 10am tomorrow so that we can include the additional information in the report. Thanks very

much.

1 – How many of pending perfected request do we have from FY2009/earlier?

- On **December 9th**, **Yvette Chin** with the **National Security Archive** in Washington, D.C., requested from DHS and its components, copies of the 10 oldest pending perfected FOIA requests for FY 2009. A pending perfected request is a request on which an agency has not taken final action, but which adequately describes the records sought, has been received by the FOIA office of the agency in possession of the records, and has no remaining questions about payment of applicable fees.

2 – Do/will any other components allow the public to file FOIA requests online through the website?

- By the end of **January 2010**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will centralize its customer service efforts so that the USCIS National Customer Service Center toll free number will provide a one-stop shop for immigration and FOIA-related information, facilitating communication for those who do not have access to, or the ability to use, a computer. By the end of 2010, the public will have the ability to file FOIA requests online through the USCIS website.

From: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 11:48 AM
To: Fox, Julia; Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: (FOIA) Please reply by 4pm today

Julia,

I have an answer from ICE regarding the MOA. The 287(g) MOA is for Hudson County, New Jersey. ICE has also posted 287(g) MOAs for 64 other jurisdictions – those documents are available at the following link under “287(g) Memorandums of Agreement/Understanding”:

<http://www.ice.gov/foia/readingroom.htm>

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks.

Vania

From: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 8:09 AM
To: Fox, Julia; Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: (FOIA) Please reply by 4pm today

Julia,

1 – What does “pending perfected” mean?

As for your first question, the Department of Justice defines “pending request” and “perfected request” as follows:

Pending Request – A request for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.

Perfected Request – A FOIA request for records which adequately describes the records sought, which has been received by the FOIA office of the agency or agency component in possession of the records, and for which there is no remaining question about the payment of applicable fees.

A “pending perfected” request would be one that meets both of the criteria above.

2 – What was the jurisdiction of the MOA?

You will find a list of the 287(g) MOUs that ICE has posted to its reading room at <http://www.ice.gov/foia/readingroom.htm#37>. There are several for the month of October so I will need to follow up with ICE to determine the jurisdiction of the particular agreement referenced in the weekly report. I will have an answer for you by 4pm today.

3 – Can you please confirm that this is accurate?

No, this is not accurate. USCIS will not accept FOIA requests via telephone. USCIS is, however, centralizing its customer service efforts so that the USCIS National Customer Service Center toll free number will provide a one-stop shop for immigration information, as well as FOIA-related information, facilitating communication for those who do not have access to or the ability to use a computer.

Thank you.

Vania

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Dear Vania and Catherine,

Below are a few follow-up questions for the weekly report.

In addition to these follow-ups, we wanted to check in and see if anything high profile has come up since last Friday. We will not be doing a weekly report next week, so if there is anything to add we would like to include it in this week's report.

Thank you for your help.

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3 – Can you please confirm that this is accurate?

- By the end of **January 2010**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will allow customers to make Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests through the USCIS National Customer Service Center toll free number, providing a one-stop shop for

immigration information and facilitating communication for those who do not have access to or the ability to use a computer.

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From: Grossman, Jordan [Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 2:29 PM
To: Fox, Julia; Papoi, Catherine
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Catherine,

Amy Shlossman has coordinated directly with Mary Ellen on this one.

Thanks!

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2009 8:57 AM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia
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I can email it to you on monday. Is that OK?

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To: (b) (6) [redacted]@dhs.gov
Sent: Wed Dec 23 13:56:49 2009
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW***December 17, 2009

What is the date of the 20-day limit?

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Subject: Re: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW***December 17, 2009

THANK YOU! BIGGEST HUG!

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To: (b) (6) [redacted]@dhs.gov
Sent: Wed Dec 23 13:49:11 2009
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW***December 17, 2009
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Tuesday should be fine. The OIG will be submitting one on Tuesday that will need a quick turnaround to meet a litigation production deadline.

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Jordan and Julia are both out until Tuesday. Which requests are we talking about?

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Talked to Catherine she had previously made USCG redo their production, so there is a distinction between the redactions it was to show the changes made, I understand it would not have been produced that was.

We have had a question from the components who have pending "awareness" productions; a few have statutory deadlines next week. Will your staff be able to review for awareness purposes in the normal 3-4 business day time period? Please advise so we can let them know what to expect b5

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Thanks,
Mary Ellen

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Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW NOTIFICATION***
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 2:24:18 PM

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Cc: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: FW: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST***December 14, 2009

Do you know where we stand on this one? Are we cleared to release it with the language as is?

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Date: Thursday, December 24, 2009 7:47:47 AM

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To: Holzerland, William; Kropf, John
Subject: Fw: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow

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Subject: RE: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow

Possible to see the cover letters today?

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2009 3:35 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia; Shlossman, Amy
Cc: Holzerland, William; Papoi, Catherine
Subject: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow

Jordan and Julia -

I trust you had a good holiday. I know you aren't back until tomorrow, but I wanted you to be aware that there will be 2 voluminous FOIAs coming tomorrow, one from the IG, one from ICE. Since these are related to ongoing litigation (and for fear of being sued), IG and ICE very much want to be able to produce within the 20 day statutory deadline, which expires on Wednesday. If possible, could you please review by COB wednesday? My colleague Bill Holzerland will send you the materials (in Catherine's absence), please let him know when you have reviewed.

Thanks so much,
Mary Ellen

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From: [Fox, Julia](#)
To: [Lockett, Vania](#)
Cc: [Grossman, Jordan](#)
Subject: RE: June 15, 2009 Weekly FOIA Report
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 10:00:11 AM

Thanks very much!

As you know, I'm helping Jordan out with the reports. Jordan and I were hoping to schedule a short call with you and anyone else in the Privacy Office involved in the reporting process who is able to join, tomorrow morning sometime between 10 and 11 AM. This is just for the report and definitely will not replace the FOIA training meeting that I know your office has requested we schedule. We will keep it really short, but thought it would be a good idea to do this with all the components. Would that work for you, and if so, what time?

Thank you!

Julia

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From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 3:18 PM
To: Fox, Julia
Subject: Fw: June 15, 2009 Weekly FOIA Report

From: Lockett, Vania
To: Lockett, Vania ; Holzerland, William ; (b) (6) ; Ressler, Shila ; Dooley, William; Hoffman, Jonathan; Bomsey, Erica ; Privacy Office; SUZUKI, SHARI; Zimmerman-Pate, Marty; Worthy, Gayle ; Marshall, Gloria L ; Pavlik-Keenan, Catrina M; DTaylor@comdt.uscg.mil ; Dorgan, Mark ; Hawkins, Sandra L. ; McNeely, James ; CRCL Counsel ; (b) (6) Snowden, Deborah TSA-FOIA; Russell, Michael ; Plofker, Howard TSA OCC; (b) (6) Welsh, Brian; Newhouse, Victoria TSA OCC; Young, Sophia G; Hawkins, Donald K; Janet, Kevin TSA FOIA; Lee, Charmaine ; Wiley, Miles ; Turner, Alisa; Delawter, Denise ; Bertucci, Nicole M ; HANSON, MARK; Mason, Quinton ; Cejka, Diane T; Balaban, Dorothy; (b) (6) Page, Michael ; Jacobs, Gilbert L; Gentile, Dominick; Eggleston, Jill A; Palmer, David ; McAfee, Sean M ; Borrero, Charles ; Gray, Larry; Payne, Latita M; LYNCH, PETER T; (b) (6) ; Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Fri Jun 12 15:16:26 2009
Subject: June 15, 2009 Weekly FOIA Report
Good afternoon all,

Attached is the weekly FOIA report. Please let me know if there are questions.

Regards,

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Subject: Reminder: Weekly reports due at 5pm
Date: Monday, September 21, 2009 11:18:35 AM
Attachments: [September 17 - Final for Distribution.doc](#)

Good morning,

Attached is the final version of last week's report. Please submit this week's report to me by **5pm today**. Earlier submissions are always appreciated.

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Julia

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From: [Fox, Julia](#)
To: [Holzerland, William](#); (b) (6)
Cc: [Papoi, Catherine](#); [Lockett, Vania](#); [Grossman, Jordan](#)
Subject: RE: December 28, 2009 FOIA Weekly Report
Date: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 10:56:24 AM

Thank you.

Also, sorry for the last minute request, but one more below:

Do you know anything about this investigation or why it is of interest/significant?

- On **December 24th**, **David Armstrong** with the **National Security News Service**, requested from DHS records between January 1, 2007 and the present, to include records of phone conversations or meetings concerning requests from any U.K. government authorities, including but not limited to representatives of the Independent Police Complaints Commission, for DHS assistance in the following: 1) A British investigation of a U.K. citizen named Atif Amin, and 2) Obtaining information about David Armstrong or the National Security News Service.

From: Holzerland, William
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2009 8:39 PM
To: Fox, Julia; (b) (6)
Cc: Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania; Grossman, Jordan
Subject: Re: December 28, 2009 FOIA Weekly Report

Thanks Julia, I will get right back to you on these. Regards, Bill

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From: Fox, Julia
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William; Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Mon Dec 28 20:19:41 2009
Subject: RE: December 28, 2009 FOIA Weekly Report

Dear James,

Thanks very much for your report. Below are a couple follow-up questions. We would appreciate your response as soon as possible tomorrow morning (Tuesday) since we are finalizing the report mid-day tomorrow.

Thank you.

1 – Which components responded to this request? Would it be possible for us to obtain a copy of the documents already released?

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2009 10:13 AM
To: Fox, Julia
Cc: Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William
Subject: December 28, 2009 FOIA Weekly Report

Good morning,

Attached is the weekly report of significant FOIA activity for December 28, 2009. Please let me know if there are questions.

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Holzerland, William

From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 11:08 AM
To: Holzerland, William; **Holzer, James**
Cc: Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania; Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: December 28, 2009 FOIA Weekly Report

Ok, thank you Bill!

Do you know when I can expect the other two responses?

Thanks very much for your help!

From: Holzerland, William
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 11:07 AM
To: Fox, Julia; **Holzer, James**
Cc: Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania; Grossman, Jordan
Subject: Re: December 28, 2009 FOIA Weekly Report

Hi Julia, I am sorry, but the Privacy Office would not have any information about this investigation. Also, under FOIA, the issue of 'why' the requester is interested in the records is legally irrelevant. We do not have information responsive to that portion of your question either, unfortunately. The request was included in the significant activity report as the requester presented themselves as a journalist. Thank you, Bill

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From: Fox, Julia
To: Holzerland, William; **Holzer, James**
Cc: Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania; Grossman, Jordan
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[Shlossman, Amy](#);
cc: [Papoi, Catherine](#); [Callahan, Mary Ellen](#);
Subject: RE: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 2:58:15 PM

OIG cover letter looks fine/ we have finalized our review of the OIG package.

We are still reviewing the ICE package and will get back to you shortly.

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Holzerland, William
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 1:55 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia; amy.shlossman@dhs.gov
Cc: catherine.papoi@dhs.gov; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: RE: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow

Good afternoon all,

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Thank you,
Bill

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Subject: Reminder: Weekly reports due Monday (Jan 4)
Date: Thursday, December 31, 2009 9:48:31 AM

Good morning,

Next week we resume our normal weekly reporting schedule, so please remember to submit your reports to me by **5pm Monday** at the latest. Earlier submissions are always appreciated.

Thanks very much, and happy New Year!

Julia

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cc: [Papoi, Catherine](#); [Callahan, Mary Ellen](#);
Subject: RE: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow
Date: Thursday, December 31, 2009 11:33:06 AM

Outstanding. Thanks and Happy New Year to all!
Regards,
Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2009 11:31 AM
To: Holzerland, William; Fox, Julia; amy.shlossman@dhs.gov
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Good to go - thanks!

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To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia; amy.shlossman@dhs.gov
Cc: catherine.papoi@dhs.gov; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: RE: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow

Good evening all,

Attached is the revised ICE letter for the interim response to ACLU.
Please let me know if there are any questions. Thanks again!
regards,
Bill

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From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Wed 12/30/2009 3:46 PM
To: Holzerland, William; Fox, Julia; amy.shlossman@dhs.gov
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Thanks!

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Cc: catherine.papoi@dhs.gov' <catherine.papoi@dhs.gov>; Callahan, Mary
Ellen
Sent: Wed Dec 30 15:44:59 2009
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Thank you, Jordan. I've asked ICE FOIA to revise their letter and to resolve the question about the files mentioned below. I will get right back to you on this.

Regards,

Bill

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Could you revise the ICE response letter to align with the language used in the OIG response letter for the areas where it is discussing the same issues (i.e. some of the exemptions, fee waivers, etc.) so we can ensure we are consistent?

Also, the file for (b) (6) appear to be identical - did one get left out by mistake?

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

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