

responsive records for the ICE interim response will be sent along with the letter; these records have been released in response to previous FOIA requests.

Thank you,

Bill

William H. Holzerland, CIPP/G

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

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2009 3:35 PM

To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia; amy.shlossman@dhs.gov

Cc: Holzerland, William; catherine.papoi@dhs.gov

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

Mary Ellen Callahan

Chief Privacy Officer

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**From:** [Fox, Julia](#)  
**To:** [Lockett, Vania](#)  
**Cc:** [Papoi, Catherine](#); [Grossman, Jordan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: January 4, 2010 FOIA Weekly Report  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 4:10:45 PM

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Thank you!

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 4:10 PM  
**To:** Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine; Grossman, Jordan  
**Subject:** RE: January 4, 2010 FOIA Weekly Report

Julia,

I surveyed all of the DHS FOIA Officers for information concerning FOIA requests relating to the 12/25 incident. While I did not hear back from everyone, the components most likely to receive such requests, TSA and CBP, both reported that they have received nothing to date. If anything significant is received between now and the end of the week, it will be included in the next report of significant FOIA activity.

Thank you.

Vania

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**From:** Fox, Julia  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 12:19 AM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine; Grossman, Jordan  
**Subject:** RE: January 4, 2010 FOIA Weekly Report

Vania,

Thanks very much for your report. Would it be possible for you to provide information about any FOIA requests that have come in from major organizations or news outlets related to the 12/25 incident? We finalize the report Thursday morning, so anything you can provide by COB Wednesday would be great.

Thank you.

Julia

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 2:36 PM  
**To:** Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** January 4, 2010 FOIA Weekly Report

Julia,

Attached is our report of significant FOIA activity. Please let me know if you have questions.

Regards,

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

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**To:** 'Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov';  
**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009  
**Date:** Monday, January 04, 2010 8:55:22 AM

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Nope...maybe check with her when you see her? If not, I can follow up.

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**From:** Lockett, Vania <Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov>  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>; Lockett, Vania <Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jan 04 08:46:17 2010  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009

Hi Catherine. I'm following up to determine if MEC ever got back to you on this.

Thanks.

Vania

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2009 12:57 PM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009

Checking with mec...

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**From:** Lockett, Vania [mailto:[Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov](mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2009 12:51 PM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009

Catherine – did you receive a response to this email?

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine [mailto:[Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2009 8:47 AM  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen; Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania; Palmer, David  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009

Today is the cut-off for the front office review on this letter. Am I cleared to release this letter as we originally drafted or are we going to have to go back and forth for days like we had to on the RWE response letter?

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen [mailto:Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 5:35 PM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania; Palmer, David  
**Subject:** Fw: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009

Thoughts?

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**From:** Shlossman, Amy  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 16 17:31:59 2009  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009

There doesn't seem to be a standard across the board with FOIA responses about whether we include the text from the actual request in the response letter (sometimes it's summarized, sometimes included in total).

For FOIA's that make specific allegations against the department, we'd like to use the same standard we use with congressional and other correspondence-acknowledge receipt of the request, but don't repeat the allegations in our response.

This response caught our attention, because the allegations that were included in our response letter are particularly inflammatory, including:

“In your request letter you also indicated that Ms. Porter believes that DHS may have information pertaining to her because she was advised by AT&T that her telephone lines have been wiretapped and because DHS issued a report entitled *Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political*

*Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment.*”

A revised response letter with the request/ allegations deleted is attached.

If there are legal reasons why we need to include the request in the response verbatim, let us know.

Thanks.

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 4:14 PM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009

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**From:** Fox, Julia  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 4:07 PM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009

This is due back to Catherine tomorrow.

The response letter explains that the requester did not provide the required information for this search.

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2009 9:01 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** 'Papoi, Catherine'  
**Subject:** \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*December 14, 2009

Jordan and Julia,

Privacy forwarded the attached incoming request and 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!

C

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 12, 2009 11:06 AM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Cc:** (b) (6) Lockett, Vania  
**Subject:** Response to 10-0126/Liberty Counsel (Tagged Request)

Catherine,

The attached response pertains to a request tagged by the Front Office. Please let me know once you receive clearance to release this to the requester.

Thanks.

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**From:** [Papoi, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Lockett, Vania](#);  
**Subject:** RE: 1/5/10 Bridis request  
**Date:** Friday, January 08, 2010 3:28:00 PM

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Looks good, but I would add:

Mark Dorgan – Work with David Palmer to task and collect the records of the relevant DHS Front Office employees.

Mark Dorgan – Search records of Management employees named in the FOIA request.

Mia Day – Search records of DHS OGC employees named in the FOIA request.

Mary Ellen Callahan, Catherine Papoi, Bill Holzerland, and [Vania Lockett](#) - Conduct a search of your own records and submit hard copies or a cd to

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2010 3:10 PM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** RE: 1/5/10 Bridis request

Catherine I typically use this format in those cases where we're coordinating and feel we need to provide more specific directions w/r/t conducting the search and logistics for providing the records. Let me know if you approve of me sending this out, as opposed to doing a second memo.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If you have questions regarding this request, you may call me at (b) (6)

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2010 2:20 PM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** 1/5/10 Bridis request

Re tasking: per regular protocol, please task Mark Dorgan directly to handle the collection and processing of front office records and he will then task the pertinent individuals in OS. Also, please task Mark for MGMT (Chris Cummsky's records), Mia for OGC (John Sandweg's and Brian DeVallance's records) and all the players in PRIV ASAP. Please let everyone know that we are coordinating the release and they should send the records to our office once they are processed. MEC w/d the prior ECT tasking we issued. Thanks.

C

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**From:** [Lockett, Vania](#)  
**To:** [Day, Mia](#);  
**cc:** [Palmer, David](#); [Papoi, Catherine](#);  
**Subject:** FW: Clarification RE: AP request 09-989 (Apuzzo, Matt)  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 4:21:58 PM

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Mia – here is one example of a request sent to Exec Sec that is pending review by OGC/Sandweg.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2009 1:21 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) Dorgan, Mark; HANSON, MARK; Worthy, Gayle  
**Cc:** Sandweg, John; McNamara, Phil; Button, Christopher  
**Subject:** RE: Clarification RE: AP request 09-989 (Apuzzo, Matt)

Hey (b) (6)

I forwarded all gathered emails to John Sandweg in OGC for review. Once he has reviewed I should be able to release them to your office.

Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2009 5:48 PM  
**To:** Dorgan, Mark; HANSON, MARK; Worthy, Gayle; (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Clarification RE: AP request 09-989 (Apuzzo, Matt)  
**Importance:** High

Good day,

Please provide the Privacy Office with a status update to this request. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Respectfully,

(b) (6)

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**From:** Holzerland, William  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2009 9:46 AM  
**To:** (b) (6); Dorgan, Mark; HANSON, MARK; Worthy, Gayle; (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Lockett, Vania; (b) (6); Palmer, David; Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** Clarification RE: AP request 09-989 (Apuzzo, Matt)  
**Importance:** High

All,

I wish to clarify the scope of the records sought. I spoke with the requester, Mr. Apuzzo, earlier this morning. The request outlines two bullet points worth of information sought.

- 1.) "All e-mails from August 25, 2009, through the present related to The Associated Press, AP reporters and editors, the AP's coverage of the department's handling of stimulus money, or the way in which Land Ports of Entry projects were selected.
- 2.) All e-mails and other documents from August 25, 2009, through the present related to meetings between White House officials and officials at DHS or its component agencies to discuss The Associated Press, AP reporters and editors, the AP's coverage of the department's handling of stimulus money, or the way in which Land Ports of Entry projects were selected."

The problem lies in that last clause in both items: "or the way in which the Land Ports of Entry projects were selected." If that clause were to stand alone and be an item in and of itself (i.e., they're seeking records pertaining to expenditure of stimulus funds), that's one thing. However, based on the way it is punctuated you can also read it this way "...the AP's coverage of the department's handling of stimulus money, or the the way in which Land Ports of Entry projects were selected," where it's attached to the prior clause concerning the AP's coverage of the issue.

Based on the requester's instructions, we are to construe the last clause in BOTH bullet points to read, "or the **AP's coverage of** the way in which Land Ports of Entry projects were selected." In other words, they're not seeking substantive records pertaining to the stimulus projects themselves, but rather correspondence within the Department pertaining to the AP's coverage of same.

Regards,  
Bill

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2009 6:15 PM  
**To:** Dorgan, Mark; HANSON, MARK; Worthy, Gayle; (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Holzerland, William; Lockett, Vania; (b) (6)  
**Subject:** AP request  
**Importance:** High

Good day,

Please find attached the Privacy Office coordination package in response to the Associated Press FOIA request. The Chief Privacy Officer and the Office of General Counsel have taken special interest in the handling of this request. Please **do not** respond directly to the requester. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Thank you for your support!

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**From:** [Grossman, Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Lockett, Vania](#)  
**Cc:** [Fox, Julia](#); (b) (6) <CTR>  
**Subject:** Re: (FOIA) Please reply by COB today.  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2009 1:51:55 PM

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Thanks!

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Cc:** Fox, Julia; (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 24 13:49:58 2009  
**Subject:** RE: (FOIA) Please reply by COB today.

Jordan,

Please see my responses below in red:

Are there any status updates on these requests or are they all simply being processed?

- **6/12: Jenny Small** of *Judicial Watch* requested from Secret Service all records concerning the cost of the President and First Lady's trip to New York on 5/30.

The request from Judicial Watch is being processed. An acknowledgement letter was mailed on June 17, 2009, and search requests are pending.

- **6/12: Elgin Jones** with *The South Florida Times* requested from USCIS copies of the U.S. Citizenship applications and file of Wendy Lobos, City Council member of Homestead, FL.

Status: We have requested that Mr. Elgin provide consent from subject of request Wendy Lobos. **Per CIS, Ms. Lobos is a naturalized citizen.**

- **6/16: Pete Yost** with *The Associated Press* requested from Secret Service records of all White House entry and exit logs from 1/20 to the present.

The request from the Associated Press is being reviewed by the Office of Chief Counsel. A "pending litigation" letter is pending.

- **6/16: Jesse Franzblau** of the *National Security Archives* requested from DHS all documents used in the production of, or produced in response to, the 2004 MOU on bilateral immigration enforcement between the U.S. and Mexico.

An acknowledgement of this request is still pending.

Also, is **Wendy Lobos** a citizen?

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Status: We have requested that Mr. Elgin provide consent from subject of request **Wendy Lobos**. **Per CIS, Ms. Lobos is a naturalized citizen.**

Also, in the future, please send these questions to (b) (6) for follow-up.

Thank you.

Vania

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2009 10:43 AM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania  
**Cc:** Fox, Julia  
**Subject:** (FOIA) Please reply by COB today.

Hi,

Below are the follow-up questions for the weekly report:

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**From:** [Papoi, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Bellisime, Tracy A;](#)  
**cc:** [Papoi, Catherine;](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Pre Review of documents  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 11:07:00 AM

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This request was cleared by the front office. Thanks for all your work on this.

C

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**From:** [Bellisime, Tracy A](#) [mailto:[tracy.bellisime@dhs.gov](mailto:tracy.bellisime@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 12:50 PM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** Pre Review of documents

Catherine, we've tried zipping the file, but is still 75 MGB (it is over 2000 pages long) How about if I send it to you on a CD via fed ex? Would that work? And, if that is acceptable, can you please send me your address?

*Tracy A. Bellisime*  
**Supervisory Paralegal Specialist**  
**USCIS FOIA Operations Unit**  
[816-350-5524](#)

**Papoi, Catherine**

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 11:13 AM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*  
**Attachments:** 09-829 1st Partial Release\_Strickler.pdf; 09-829 Second Partial Release.pdf; Redacted Documents\_Final\_10\_16\_09.pdf

FYI

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**To:** Lockett, Vania; Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** FW: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 22, 2009 6:16 PM  
**To:** Shlossman, Amy  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUEST\*\*\*

Hi, Amy, thanks for the heads up. We didn't know that all ARRA materials needed to be cleared by WH GC; we will send it through their review, including notifying them that these

were previously released. Attached is what was released to CBS News on September 4<sup>th</sup> and on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The CBS News request differs slightly from the Washington Post request in that it seeks "copies of all Congressional correspondence between the Department of Homeland Security and any members of Congress or any Congressional staffer from February 1, 2009 through July 17, 2009." The Washington Post did not specify a date range so the scope of the request would be any records created up to the date we began our search on September 30, 2009.

Also, with regard to the "to and from" and "from" language, Robert Harrow actually submitted the request twice, once via regular mail and once via e-mail. The request submitted by mail only asked for correspondence "from lawmakers;" whereas the e-mailed request asked for correspondence "from and to lawmakers," which does change the scope of the request. We are redoing this search because there will of course be more responsive documents. We'll send this back to the Front Office after the White House clears on all responsive documents.

Best,  
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?

b5



Thanks,

Amy

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

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**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,

Privacy forwarded the attached incoming request and proposed partial 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!

C

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 13, 2009 2:43 PM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Cc:** Lockett, Vania; (b) (6) <CTR>  
**Subject:** Partial Release to 09-990/Washington Post (Tagged Request)

Catherine,

Attached for your review is a proposed first interim response to a FOIA request from the Washington Post seeking

records relating to communications between DHS and lawmakers regarding ARRA spending, which has been tagged by the Front Office. Although the 26 pages of records that we intend to release have been released previously to CBS News, I am providing this proposed interim response for clearance.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

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

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**From:** [Papoi, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Fox, Julia](#); [Grossman, Jordan](#);  
**cc:** [Papoi, Catherine](#);  
**Subject:** RE: January 4, 2010 FOIA Weekly Report  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 11:43:00 AM

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I do not believe we submitted a report last week, but please be sure to let me know if you have any requests from this week's report that you would like me to tag for front office review and approval prior to release.

C

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**From:** Fox, Julia  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 12:19 AM  
**To:** Lockett, Vania  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine; Grossman, Jordan  
**Subject:** RE: January 4, 2010 FOIA Weekly Report

Vania,

Thanks very much for your report. Would it be possible for you to provide information about any FOIA requests that have come in from major organizations or news outlets related to the 12/25 incident? We finalize the report Thursday morning, so anything you can provide by COB Wednesday would be great.

Thank you.

Julia

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2010 2:36 PM  
**To:** Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** January 4, 2010 FOIA Weekly Report

Julia,

Attached is our report of significant FOIA activity. Please let me know if you have questions.

Regards,

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

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**From:** [Papoi, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Gray, Larry](#); [Papoi, Catherine](#);  
**cc:** [Papoi, Catherine](#); [Callahan, Mary Ellen](#); [Holzerland, William](#);  
[Turner, Alisa](#);  
**Subject:** RE: CFOIAO Teleconference  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 12:12:00 PM

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Thanks for the email, Larry, and your continuing support of the "One DHS" initiative. Happy New Year!

C

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**From:** Gray, Larry [mailto:[Larry.Gray@dhs.gov](mailto:Larry.Gray@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 12:11 PM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Holzerland, William; Turner, Alisa  
**Subject:** RE: CFOIAO Teleconference

Catherine,

First of all I would like to apologize for missing the meeting. Alisa is out sick and the person that was instructed to attend confused the time. We believe these meeting are necessary/useful and plan to continue to attend. Regarding the review of packages being sent forward, we have developed a Quality Assurance (QA) Team that reviews everything but content. Alisa or her acting reviews the content before it is sent to the Team. Alisa is our designated reviewing official.

Please feel free to contact me in the event that you see a quality issue.

Thanks

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine [mailto:[Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 11:55 AM  
**To:** Gray, Larry  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine; Callahan, Mary Ellen; Holzerland, William  
**Subject:** CFOIAO Teleconference

Larry, I note that FEMA did not call in for the Chief FOIA Officer telecom that is held every other Wednesday. With the many recent and evolving disclosure issues to discuss, it is very important that FEMA have a senior level disclosure official call in. For example, today we announced that by 5pm today each component must designate one senior level official that will be reviewing all packages the components send forth to me for front office approval. This individual will be held personally accountable for assuring that each letter and package is of superior quality. Please let me know if you foresee calling in on this conference call continuing to be a problem. Thank you.

Catherine

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**From:** Gray, Larry [mailto:[Larry.Gray@dhs.gov](mailto:Larry.Gray@dhs.gov)]

**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 1:49 PM

**To:** Papoi, Catherine

**Subject:** Out of Office AutoReply: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW NOTIFICATION\*\*\*  
for November 21-present

I am out of the office until December 17, 2009 however I will be checking my email and will get back to you with-in 24 hours. If You need immediate assistance contact Tammi Hines. She can be reached at (202) 646-3606.

**From:** [Papoi, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Lockett, Vania](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA For Front Office Clearance (DHS/OS/PRIV 10-015)  
**Date:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 2:20:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [RE FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED.msg](#)

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Yep. They cleared.

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 8:49 AM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA For Front Office Clearance (DHS/OS/PRIV 10-015)

Catherine – did the Front Office ever clear on this one? Thanks.

Vania

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2009 11:32 AM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** FOIA For Front Office Clearance (DHS/OS/PRIV 10-015)

Catherine,

I am forwarding a proposed response to a FOIA request from the NY Times, which was referred to DHS by the Department of Treasury. I propose that we close this request administratively, as the one record referred to DHS, an individual's DHS TRIP complaint, is not responsive to the NY Times' request. The request specifically seeks the following records:

1. Congressional correspondence dealing with companies that work with the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), **either because the companies are seeking a license from OFAC or because they have been found by OFAC to be in violation of a sanctions program**; and
2. Congressional correspondence **as it relates to OFAC's licensing process**.

Attachments:

- 1) NY Times FOIA Request
- 2) Complete set of records assembled by Treasury (pages 4-6 are DHS TRIP records)

3) Proposed response to NY Times

Thank you.

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

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**From:** [Papoi, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Lockett, Vania](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW AND APPROVAL\*\*\*January 6, 2010  
**Date:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 5:47:45 PM

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FYI

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**From:** Fox, Julia  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine; Grossman, Jordan  
**Cc:** 'Papoi, Catherine' <[Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 07 17:37:39 2010  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW AND APPROVAL\*\*\*January 6, 2010

The cover letter looks fine.

Thanks!

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 3:14 PM  
**To:** Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** \*\*\*FRONT OFFICE REVIEW AND APPROVAL\*\*\*January 6, 2010

Jordan and Julia,

Privacy forwarded the attached acknowledgment letter to the same ACLU request that ICE and OIG sent forth last week. (b) (5)  
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:** [Papoi, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Callahan, Mary Ellen;](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA and Litigation  
**Date:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 8:33:41 AM

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My concern is that the other components do not necessarily handle litigation related productions out of the FOIA shop-only out of their OGC.

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William  
**Cc:** [mary.ellen.callahan@dhs.gov](mailto:mary.ellen.callahan@dhs.gov) <[mary.ellen.callahan@dhs.gov](mailto:mary.ellen.callahan@dhs.gov)>; [catherine.papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:catherine.papoi@dhs.gov) <[catherine.papoi@dhs.gov](mailto:catherine.papoi@dhs.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 07 08:24:18 2010  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA and Litigation

My point is related to foia production - we can notify ogc as well, but we shd also make sure that the same notification process is done on litigation productions.  
Tx.

Mary Ellen Callahan  
Chief Privacy Officer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Work: (b) (6)  
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**From:** Papoi, Catherine

**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen; Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William  
**Cc:** 'Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov' <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>; catherine.papoi@dhs.gov' <catherine.papoi@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 07 08:22:09 2010  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA and Litigation

It was decided some time ago that OGC would keep track of FOIA litigation. Also, in many components, the FOIA Officers only handle initial requests. In CBP, for example, they have a separate branch that handles litigation. Elissa Kay may not know when a production is being made. I think this effort would be better coordinated through OGC.

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
**To:** Lockett, Vania; Holzerland, William; Papoi, Catherine  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jan 06 19:08:25 2010  
**Subject:** FOIA and Litigation

Vania – I forgot to tell you (but you told me anyway) that the Front Office would like to have awareness of any FOIA litigation production (even if the documents themselves are not attached) prior to the documents being produced in the litigation. Can you please let the FOIA Officers know? Also, do we have any more details on when the DOJ is going to be involved in the production/release of FOIA litigation documents? I wasn't sure about how that process got started, if you now know more insight, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Mary Ellen

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**From:** [Papoi, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Lockett, Vania](#);  
**Subject:** Re: DOJ sample letters  
**Date:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 9:52:02 AM

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Would you mind reaching out to doj and asking them to share again? I need to prove to ogc and the front office we know what we are doing and are not making this stuff up.

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

From: Lockett, Vania  
To: Papoi, Catherine  
Sent: Thu Jan 07 09:49:57 2010  
Subject: RE: DOJ sample letters

I have the letters we collected from the components, but I don't have the DOJ letters.

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

From: Papoi, Catherine  
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 9:41 AM  
To: Lockett, Vania  
Subject: DOJ sample letters

Do we still have the sample response letters that doj sent us a few years back??

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**From:** [Papoi, Catherine](#)  
**To:** [Hawkins, Sandra L.](#);  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Annual Report for Front Office clearance  
**Date:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 9:54:39 AM

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These people are going to be the death of me.

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**From:** Hawkins, Sandra L.  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 07 09:53:39 2010  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Annual Report for Front Office clearance

LMAO! I know, I know.

Sandy

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 9:50 AM  
**To:** Hawkins, Sandra L.; Holzerland, William; Debnam, Sandra  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Annual Report for Front Office clearance

Shoot me. Seriously.

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**From:** Hawkins, Sandra L.  
**To:** Holzerland, William; Debnam, Sandra  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 07 09:47:25 2010  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Annual Report for Front Office clearance

Holzerland,

I spoke with ESEC this morning and they are requesting a memo explaining why the report is required. Please mark up the attached accordingly.

Muah!!!!

Sandy

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**From:** Holzerland, William  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 2:02 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, Sandra L.; Debnam, Sandra  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** FOIA Annual Report for Front Office clearance

Hi Sandy and Sandra,

Attached is the final version of the FOIA Annual Report to the Attorney General. I removed the "draft" watermark, but this document's still considered a draft until approved by DOJ, who has the final say. We need to get this through the clearance process as quick as possible, as we're already past the deadline for getting this to DOJ. Accordingly, we would like to get this to ExecSec with a note that this document has already been reviewed/commented upon by all components and does not need to go out to them again. We received OGC clearance today as well. This is for front office review/approval prior to sending the draft forward to DOJ. Is there any way we can include such a note to ExecSec when it's uploaded to ECT? Thanks again.

Regards,  
Bill

William H. Holzerland, CIPP/G

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**To:** 'Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov';  
**Subject:** Re: Introduction of the Front Office FOIA Specialist  
**Date:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 10:09:18 AM

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Fantastic! Traffic is miserable. I sat on the GW parkway for 1 hour. Btw, my parents are flying in today at 4:30, so I don't think I can sit in on the call, but I can call in if you would like.

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 07 09:57:36 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Introduction of the Front Office FOIA Specialist

Fyi I went up to nac bc traffic was crazy going south, so got to introduce mark.

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**From:** McNamara, Phil  
**To:** Dorgan, Mark  
**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen; Murtagh, Sean; Greenwood, Kennedy <CTR>  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 07 09:56:40 2010

**Subject:** RE: Introduction of the Front Office FOIA Specialist

Mark –

Nice meeting you earlier this morning. As discussed, let's get a meeting on the books for early next week to discuss outstanding/pending Front Office FOIA requests. I've copied my assistant Kennedy Greenwood who can help set up a time for next Monday / Tuesday.

Thanks so much and I look forward to working with you.

- phil

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**From:** Callahan, Mary Ellen

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 7:12 PM

**To:** McNamara, Phil; Dorgan, Mark

**Cc:** Callahan, Mary Ellen; Papoi, Catherine; Sandweg, John; Shlossman, Amy

**Subject:** Introduction of the Front Office FOIA Specialist

Hi, Phil, hope you are doing well. Per our conversation with the Front Office last month, I wanted to introduce you to Mark Dorgan. As I mentioned in the meeting, you in the Executive Secretariat will distribute the Front Office FOIA requests; Mark will directly and personally process each of those FOIA responses once the documents have gathered. If I get a chance, I will bring Mark down for an introduction, but wanted to meet each other. As we discussed, if you can find Mark a desk near the Exec Sec, that would help facilitate the process.

Thanks again. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Mary Ellen

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**To:** [Lockett, Vania](#)  
**Cc:** [Kropf, John](#); [Holzerland, William](#); [Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov](mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov); (b) (6) <CTR>  
**Subject:** Re: (FOIA) Please reply by tomorrow COB.  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 8:56:30 AM

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Aren't we meeting w them tomorrow? Exhaustive list. Re may 29, epic's privacy coalition had its monthly meeting, they had invited me and I hadn't gone so they wanted to see what I was doing instead.

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**From:** Lockett, Vania  
**To:** Callahan, Mary Ellen  
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**Sent:** Tue Jun 30 08:49:09 2009  
**Subject:** FW: (FOIA) Please reply by tomorrow COB.

Mary Ellen,

FYI – below is the list of FOIA-related questions from the Front Office for this week. Note, one of the questions is whether we know why EPIC would be interested in your meetings on May 29, 2009 specifically. Any thoughts?

Thanks.

Vania

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**From:** Grossman, Jordan  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2009 7:58 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) <CTR>  
**Cc:** Fox, Julia  
**Subject:** (FOIA) Please reply by tomorrow COB.

Hi,

Below are this week's follow up questions for the weekly report:

In addition to the questions listed, could you add status updates to all of the below items?

What is Operation Desert Safeguard?

- **6/18: Jesse Franzblau** of *The National Security Archive* 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.
- **6/19: Jesse Franzblau** of *The National Security Archive* 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.

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?

- **6/19: Nathan Cardozo of Electronic Frontier Foundation** in San Francisco requested from OIG: 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 2/29/2008 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.

What was this meeting about? Was it a public/open press event?

- **6/19: Steven Emerson of SAE Productions** in Washington requested from USCIS records pertaining to the February 2009 meeting between the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Civil Rights Director and USCIS.

What documents exactly are being requested related to the testing – testing results or documents pertaining to the testing process?

- **6/22: Michael Rey with CBS News** 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.

Do we have any more details on this contract?

- **6/22: Holbrook Mohr with AP** 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.
- **6/22: Brad Heath with USA Today** 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.

What is this agreement?

- **6/22: Jesse Franzblau of The National Security Archive** in Washington requested from ICE all documents related to the “Local Arrangement for Repatriation of Mexican Nationals” agreement between the U.S. and Mexico.

Will this will be handled as other USSS requests of this type are – pending court decisions?

- **6/22: Anne Weismann of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington** requested from USSS all records relating to visits by 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.
- **6/23: Travis Loller of AP** 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.
- **6/23: John Greenwald, Jr. of The Black Vault Radio Show** in Northridge, CA requested from the USCG records relating to Operation Distant Shore.

[Do we know why they are interested in 5/29/2009 specifically?]

- **6/25: John Verdi of Electronic Privacy Information Center** 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.

- **6/25: Emily Ramshaw** of *The Dallas Morning News* 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.

What does this directive say?] Is this Directive unclassified?

- **6/25: John Verdi** of **Electronic Privacy Information Center** in Washington requested from DHS MGMT National Security Presidential Directive 54, and related records in possession of the agency.

Thanks!

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**cc:** [Delawter, Denise](#);  
**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*ACTION NECESSARY\*\*\*  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010 9:10:54 AM

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Thanks Quinton.

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**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
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**Sent:** Tue Jan 19 09:08:40 2010  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\*ACTION NECESSARY\*\*\*

Catherine,

Denise Delawter will review all FOIA packages from the Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

Regards,

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**From:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 10:33 AM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Cc:** Papoi, Catherine  
**Subject:** \*\*\*ACTION NECESSARY\*\*\*  
**Importance:** High

On yesterday's FOIA Officer teleconference we announced that by 5pm yesterday each component must designate one senior level official that will be reviewing all packages the component sends forth to me for front office approval. This individual will be held personally accountable for assuring that each letter and package is of superior quality. These packages are reviewed by Secretary Napolitano's office. As of this morning, I have not received notification of your component's designee. Please advise immediately.

On a related matter, the FOIA Officer teleconference is held every other Wednesday. With the many recent and evolving disclosure issues to discuss, it is very important that every component have a senior level disclosure official call in. If you have not been participating in these calls, please assure that you do going forward.

Thank you,

Catherine

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**To:** [Fox, Julia; Grossman, Jordan;](#)  
**cc:** ["Papoi, Catherine";](#)  
**Subject:** RE: January 4, 2010 FOIA Weekly Report  
**Date:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 10:34:00 AM

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Thanks and happy new year!

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**From:** Fox, Julia  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 10:10 PM  
**To:** Papoi, Catherine; Grossman, Jordan  
**Cc:** 'Papoi, Catherine'  
**Subject:** RE: January 4, 2010 FOIA Weekly Report

Catherine,  
Sorry for the delay. Here they are (from this week and last week). Thank you!

- On December 29, 2009, **Tegan Millspaw**, a representative of **Judicial Watch, Inc.**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) copies of the following: 1) All records of meetings and/or communications between ICE and non-governmental organizations concerning parole policy for asylum seekers, and 2) All records concerning the decision to revise ICE's policy for arriving aliens with credible fear claims.
- On December 29, 2009, **Tegan Millspaw**, a representative of

**Judicial Watch, Inc.**, in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) copies of the following: 1) All records of ICE's policies on establishing the identity of aliens who do not possess valid identity documents, 2) A copy of ICE's Record of Determination/Parole Determination Worksheet, and 3) All statistical reports on parole requests received from arriving aliens found to have a "credible" fear or persecution of torture.

- On December 30, 2009, **Sean Riordan**, a staff attorney with the **American Civil Liberties Union**, in San Diego, California, requested from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) copies of any records pertaining to the California Enforcement Operation.
- On November 13, 2009, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) referred to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) four (4) pages of a significant report responsive to a May 3, 2007 request from **Jim Kiertzner**, a reporter with **WDIV-TV4** in Detroit, Michigan, who seeks records related to an incident on Northwest Airlines Flight 57 from Amsterdam to Memphis on April 21, 2007. Prior to referring this request to CBP, TSA released to WDIV-TV4 eighteen (18) pages of records with certain information withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(6), and (b)(7)(C).
- On December 15, 2009, **Stephen Tait**, a reporter with the **Times Herald**, in Port Huron, Michigan, requested from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) any video that depicts the December 1, 2009, detainment and/or arrest of Peter Watts, a Canadian science fiction writer, on or near the Blue Water Bridge, including footage of the events leading up to his detention and/or arrest.
- On December 18, 2009, **Nicholas Phillips** of the **Riverfront Times** in Saint Louis, Missouri, requested from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all releasable records, from any time period, pertaining to a private individual.
- On December 18, 2009, **T. Conway**, an individual from Chicago, Illinois, requested from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the number of applications (both approved and not approved) for Optional Practical Training (OPT) Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) extensions.
- On December 18, 2009, **Thomas Louis Dublin**, an ethnic history teacher of the **State University of New York, Binghamton** from Brackney, Pennsylvania, requested from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) any documents pertaining to the legal disposition or settlement of the 1994 African American employees' lawsuit against the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- On December 21, 2009, **Matthew Weldon** of **Samuel Goldman & Associates** requested from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) a copy of each response received by DHS Attorney Erica Bomsey to her