



# Homeland Security

*Privacy Office DHS-D3*

October 31, 2006

Mr. Arsalan T. Iftikhar  
453 New Jersey Ave S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

**Re: DHS/OS/PRIV 07-99/ Iftikhar request**

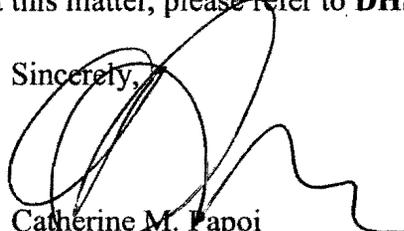
Dear Mr. Iftikhar:

This acknowledges receipt of your Privacy Act (PA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated October 5, 2006, requesting copies of any records that the United States Department of Homeland Security may have regarding <sup>(b) (6)</sup> [REDACTED]

I am referring your request to the FOIA Officer for Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Richard Chovanec, Acting FOIA Officer, (Mint Annex-5<sup>th</sup> Floor) 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229, who will forward your request on for processing to the appropriate office within CBP. That office will issue a direct response to you.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 07-99/ Iftikhar request**.

Sincerely,



Catherine M. Papoi

Acting Director, Departmental Disclosure & FOIA



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Washington, D.C. 20003

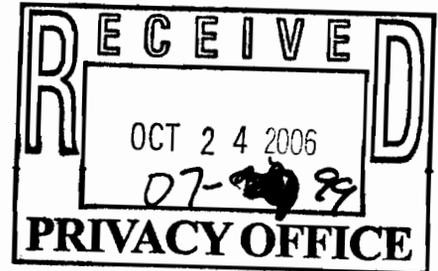
Tele 202 488 8787 Fax 202 488 0833

E-mail: (b)(6)

[www.cair.com](http://www.cair.com)

October 5, 2006

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Privacy Office  
601 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
D3-E3S  
Arlington, VA 22202



VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL: (571) 227-4171

FOIA Request for (b)(6)

To the Director of Departmental Disclosure,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

I hereby request any records that the United States Department of Homeland Security may have regarding Mr. (b)(6) Mr. (b)(6) has signed the requisite DHS form identifying the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as their representative in this request. That signed statement is enclosed with this letter.

This background letter is based on several experiences that Mr. (b)(6) a United States citizen, has encountered with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials upon his return from international travel.

All relevant information can be sent to my attention at the mailing address above or via facsimile to 202.488.0833. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your time and cooperation.

(b)(6)

Arsalan T. Iftikhar  
National Legal Director

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

(b) (6)

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(print full name)

request access to information maintained by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which pertains to me.

My present address is \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

City

State/Province

Zip Code

Country

My last former address was \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City

State/Province

Zip Code

Country

My date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) (6)

I understand that knowingly or willfully seeking or obtaining access to records or information about another person under false pretenses is punishable by a fine up to \$5,000. I also understand that any applicable fees must be paid by me.

I request that any located and disclosable information be forwarded to:

Name of individual Arsalan T. Iftikhar, National Legal Director

Address CAIR, 453 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Street

Washington  
City

DC  
State/Province

20003  
Zip Code

USA  
Country

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

10-17-06  
Date

(b) (6)

Signature

Note: The signature on this request is not required to have this request notarized; however, severe penalties may apply for false identification.

*\*Requests received without a background letter of explanation cannot be responded to\**

Mail or Fax to: U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Freedom of Information Act/Customer Satisfaction Unit  
Room 5.5-C  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20229  
Fax: 202-344-2791

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# Homeland Security

*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0550*

December 5, 2008

Nadhira Al-Khalili, Esq.  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
453 New Jersey Ave, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20003

**Re: DHS/OS/PRIV 09-131/Al-Khalili request**

Dear Ms. Al-Khalili:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated October 9, 2008, seeking records pertaining to the confiscation of personal property of (b) (6) by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Your request was received in this office on November 25, 2008.

Upon initial review of your request, I determined that, if such records exist, they may be under the purview of Customs and Border Protection, a DHS component. Therefore, I am referring your request to the FOIA Officer for CBP, Mark Hanson, for processing and direct response to you. You may contact that office in writing at U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mint Annex, Washington, D.C. 20229 or via telephone at 202-572-8720.

If you need to contact this office again concerning your request, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 09-131/Al-Khalili request**. This office can be reached at 866-431-0486.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vania T. Lockett", written over a horizontal line.

Vania T. Lockett  
Associate Director, Disclosure & FOIA Operations



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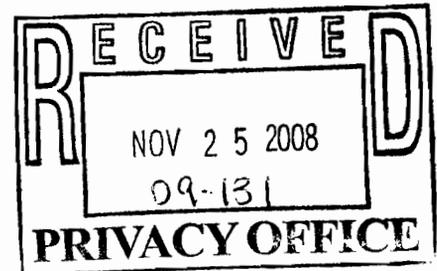
October 9, 2008

U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Privacy Office

601 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St.

D3 - E3S

Arlington, VA 22202



**Re: FOIA Request, Detention of Personal Property of**

(b) (6)

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby request any information or record the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency may have taken from the confiscation of the property of Mr. (b) (6) and his wife, Ms. (b) (6). (b) (6) Mr. (b) (6) and his family have signed a release statement identifying the Council on American Islamic Relations as their representatives. That statement is enclosed with this letter.

This request is prompted by the detention of Mr. (b) (6) and his family's property on April 13, 2008. Upon entering the United States from an international flight, our clients were stopped and searched by airport security and several of their possessions were detained. These items were: a computer tower, a digital camera, a USB memory stick, and a Palm Pilot personal planner. After waiting several months their belongings were finally returned to them. Our clients were not charged with any wrongdoing, yet they were deprived of the use of their electronic machines, the possession of personal and professional files, and the possession of family photographs. We would like to know what factors were involved that led to the occurrence of this incident. Furthermore, we would like to know if you or your agencies have retained information based on the detention of our clients' personal property.

All relevant information can be sent to the mailing address above or via facsimile to the number above. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

(b)(6)

Nadim Al-Khalili, Esq.  
Legal Counsel

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**INFORMATION RELEASE STATEMENT**

(b) (6) \_\_\_\_\_, residing at  
(b) (6) \_\_\_\_\_, authorize the  
Council on American-Islamic Relations ("CAIR") to be my agent and representative in regards to my  
complaint of discrimination and any related matter to the incident that occurred with/at  
(b) (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on April 13, 2008

I hereby give CAIR and its representatives' full authority to review, discuss, delegate and  
communicate all relevant and/or incidental information relating to my complaint.

I fully understand that I do not forfeit any of my legal rights and privileges as a condition to this  
agreement. I also understand that CAIR is not a legal services organization and I will neither hold CAIR  
financially or legally liable in respect to any subsequent judicial or administrative proceeding which may  
result from CAIR's involvement with my complaint.

I, the undersigned, hereby permit CAIR to investigate my complaint pursuant to the terms of the  
aforementioned agreement.

(b) (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

9/27/08  
Date

**Updated: December 11, 2006**



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**INFORMATION RELEASE STATEMENT**

I, (b) (6), residing at (b) (6), authorize the Council on American-Islamic Relations ("CAIR") to be my agent and representative in regards to my complaint of discrimination and any related matter to the incident that occurred with/at (b) (6) on April 13, 2008.

I hereby give CAIR and its representatives' full authority to review, discuss, delegate and communicate all relevant and/or incidental information relating to my complaint.

I fully understand that I do not forfeit any of my legal rights and privileges as a condition to this agreement. I also understand that CAIR is not a legal services organization and I will neither hold CAIR financially or legally liable in respect to any subsequent judicial or administrative proceeding which may result from CAIR's involvement with my complaint.

I, the undersigned, hereby permit CAIR to investigate my complaint pursuant to the terms of the aforementioned agreement.

(b) (6)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

09/27/08  
Date

Updated: December 11, 2006



# Homeland Security

*Privacy Office DHS-D3*

October 20, 2006

Mr. Arsalan T. Iftikhar  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
453 New Jersey Ave S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: **DHS/OS/PRIV 07-85/ Iftikhar request**

Dear Mr. Iftikhar:

This acknowledges receipt of your Privacy Act (PA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated October 17, 2006, requesting records pertaining to Mr. (b) (6)

I am referring your request to the FOIA Officer for Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Richard Chovanec, Acting FOIA Officer, (Mint Annex-5<sup>th</sup> Floor) 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229, who will forward your request on for processing to the appropriate office within CBP. That office will issue a direct response to you.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 07-85/ Iftikhar request**.

Sincerely,

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Catherine M. Papoi  
Acting Director, Departmental Disclosure & FOIA



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Fax

To: **DoD Privacy Off.** From: Arsalan Iftikhar, CAIR

Fax: **571 227 4171** Pages: **3**

Phone: Date: **10/17**

Re: CC:

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Comments:

**FOIA/Privacy Act Request for**

(b) (6)

**Thank you!**

(b) (6)



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October 5, 2006

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FOIA Request for (b)(6)

To the Director of Departmental Disclosure,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

I hereby request any records that the United States Department of Homeland Security may have regarding Mr. (b)(6) Mr. (b)(6) has signed the requisite DHS form identifying the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as their representative in this request. That signed statement is enclosed with this letter.

This background letter is based on several experiences that Mr. (b)(6) a United States citizen, has encountered with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials upon his return from international travel.

All relevant information can be sent to my attention at the mailing address above or via facsimile to 202.488.0833. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your time and cooperation.

(b)(6)

Arsalan T. Iftikhar  
National Legal Director

(b) (6)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

(b) (6)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print full name)

request access to information maintained by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which pertains to me.

My present address is (b) (6)

Street (b) (6) (b) (6) City State/Province Zip Code Country

My last former address was \_\_\_\_\_ Street

City State/Province Zip Code Country

My date of birth is (b) (6)

I understand that knowingly or willfully seeking or obtaining access to records or information about another person under false pretenses is punishable by a fine up to \$5,000. I also understand that any applicable fees must be paid by me.

I request that any located and disclosable information be forwarded to:

Name of individual Arsalan T. Iffikhar, National Legal Director

Address CAIR, 453 New Jersey Ave. SE Street

Washington DC 20003 USA City State/Province Zip Code Country

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

10-17-06 (b) (6) Date Signature

Note: The signature on this request is not required to have this request notarized; however, severe penalties may apply for false identification.

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Mail or Fax to: U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
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Room 55-C  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20229  
Fax: 202-344-2791

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# Homeland Security

*Privacy Office DHS*

May 23, 2007

Mr. Arsalan T. Iftikhar  
Council on American- Islamic Relations  
453 New Jersey Ave S.E.  
Washington, DC 20003

**Re: DHS/OS/PRIV 07-784/ Iftikhar request**

Dear Mr. Iftikhar:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated May 8, 2007, requesting records pertaining to Mr. (b) (6) a member of (b) (6). Your request was received in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FOIA Office on May 15, 2007.

Upon initial review of your request, I have determined that the information you are seeking is under the purview of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Therefore, I am referring your request to the FOIA Officer for USCIS, Brian Welsh, for processing and direct response to you. You may contact that office in writing at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office, P.O. Box 648010, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010 or via telephone at (816) 350-5570.

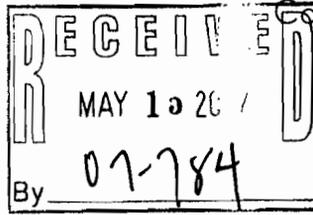
Please let us know if there are any other components you want us to search. A list can be found at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov).

If you need to contact this office again concerning your request, please reference **DHS/OS/PRIV 07-784/ Iftikhar request**. This office can be reached at (703) 235-0790.

Sincerely,

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Vania T. Lockett  
Associate Director, Disclosure & FOIA Operations



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May 8, 2007

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D3-E3S  
Arlington, VA 22202

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL: (571) 227-4171

FOIA Request for (b)(6)

To the Director of Departmental Disclosure,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

I hereby request any records that the United States Department of Homeland Security may have regarding Mr. (b)(6) a member of (b)(6) (b)(6)

Attached, you will find a signed Information Release form from Mr. (b)(6) identifying the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as their representative in this request. That signed statement is enclosed with this letter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

(b)(6)

Arsalan T. Iftikhar  
National Legal Director



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INFORMATION RELEASE STATEMENT

I, (b) (6) (b) (6) residing at (b) (6) authorize the Council on American-Islamic Relations ("CAIR") to be my agent and representative in regards to my complaint of discrimination and any related matter to the incident that occurred with/at DHS FOIA Request

I hereby give CAIR and its representatives' full authority to review, discuss, delegate and communicate all relevant and/or incidental information relating to my complaint.

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I, the undersigned, hereby permit CAIR to investigate my complaint pursuant to the terms of the aforementioned agreement.

(b) (6)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

5/7/07  
Date

Updated: December 11, 2006



# Homeland Security

July 19, 2007

M. Hodayra Yusufi  
CAIR California  
7710 Balboa Avenue, Suite 217  
San Diego, CA 92111

**Re: DHS/OS/PRIV 07-940/Yusufi request**

Dear M. Yusufi:

This acknowledges receipt of your Privacy Act (PA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated and received in this office on July 6, 2007. You are seeking any records pertaining to (b) (6)

Upon initial review of your request, I have determined that the information you are seeking is under the purview of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Therefore, I am referring your request to the FOIA Officer for ICE, Catrina Pavlik-Keenan, for processing and direct response to you. You may contact that office in writing at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 585, Washington, D.C. 20528 or via telephone at 202-732-0300.

If you need to contact this office again concerning your request, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 07-940/Yusufi request**. This office can be reached at 866-431-0486.

Sincerely,

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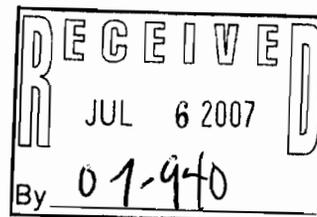
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Associate Director, Disclosure & FOIA Operations



San Diego Office  
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Tel: (858) 278-4547 / Fax: (858) 278-8176  
E-mail: (b)(6)  
URL: cairsd.com (CAIR San Diego Website)  
cair.com (CAIR National Website)

July 6, 2007

Department of Homeland Security  
Privacy Office  
Director, Disclosure & FOIA  
245 Murray Drive SW  
Washington, DC 20528  
STOP 0550  
FOIA Public Liaison: Vania T. Lockett



VIA FAX: (703)235-0443

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552.

I hereby request any records the Department of Homeland Security may have on (b)(6) Mr. (b)(6) has signed a release statement identifying the Council on American Islamic Relations as his representative. That statement is enclosed with this letter.

This request is prompted by Mr. (b)(6) treatment at the (b)(6) Mr. (b)(6) has been a volunteer chaplain at (b)(6) for the past nine years. On or about March 26, 2007, Mr. (b)(6) was hired by (b)(6) as a Chaplain Coordinator at the (b)(6) He successfully completed orientation, received an ID card and assumed his responsibilities, coordinating events such as a (b)(6) submitting volunteer applications, etc. He has never been involved in controversy. However, it appears that allegations have been brought against him, and he has been suspended from his duties at the (b)(6) for no clear reason on May 15, 2007. When Mr. (b)(6) asked why he was not permitted to continue his work, he was allegedly told that he was a security risk.

We would like to have copies of any information on Mr. (b)(6) with respect to his work at the (b)(6) (b)(6) and his security clearance. All relevant information can be sent to the mailing address above or via facsimile to the number above. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,  
(b)(6)

Homayra Yusufi  
Administrative and Membership Coordinator