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Sandweg, John

From: Palmer, David
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 5:14 PM
To: Sandweg, John
Subject: Fw: FOIA request: Weekly Reports
Attachments: May 28 - Final for Distribution.doc; April 2 - Final for Distribution.doc; April 9 - Final for Distribution.doc; April 16 - Final for Distribution.doc; April 23 - Final for Distribution.doc; April 30 - Final for Distribution.doc; February 5 - Final for Distribution.doc; February 12 - Final for Distribution.doc; February 19 - Final for Distribution.doc; February 26 - Final for Distribution.doc; January 29 - Final for Distribution.doc; March 5 - Final for Distribution.doc; March 12 - Final for Distribution.doc; March 19 - Final for Distribution.doc; March 26 - Final for Distribution.doc; May 7 - Final for Distribution.doc; May 14 - Final for Distribution.doc; May 21 - Final for Distribution.doc

Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

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Department of Homeland Security

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From: Clark-Moe, Loren
To: Palmer, David
Sent: Thu Jun 25 17:04:51 2009
Subject: FOIA request: Weekly Reports

All the original documents

From: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2009 11:21 AM
To: Clark-Moe, Loren
Subject: FW: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 6:40 PM
To: Lockett, Vania; Sandweg, John
Subject: RF: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report
From: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2009 1:22 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: Fw: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Jordan,

I have not received anything from you on this. Please confirm you will provide the records so that I can advise Exec Second to discontinue their search. Thanks.

Vania T. Lockett, CIPP/G
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From: Neal, Sonnita
To: Lockett, Vania
Sent: Thu Jun 04 13:15:21 2009
Subject: RE: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Vania,

ESEC is no longer required to do produce materials for this tasking correct?

Sonnita Neal
Office of the Executive Secretariat
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Phone: (b) (6)
Fax: (202) 447-3221
sonnita.neal@dhs.gov

From: Lockett, Vania [mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 5:11 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Lockett, Vania
Cc: Neal, Sonnita
Subject: RE: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Jordan,

You are correct. My office will conduct a first-line review of the documents. The documents will then be submitted to OGC for review.

Thanks again for your help.

Vania

3/3/2010
From: Grossman, Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 5:05 PM
To: Lockett, Vania
Cc: Neal, Sonnita
Subject: RE: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Can send by late tonight. To be clear, we are not disseminating any of these documents until OGC reviews the situation, correct?

Thanks!

From: Lockett, Vania [mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 1:56 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Lockett, Vania
Cc: Neal, Sonnita
Subject: RE: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Jordan,

That would be great. I really appreciate your help. Please let us know when you can get the documents to my office, and I will ask Exec Sec to discontinue searching.

Thanks much.

Vania

From: Grossman, Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 4:55 PM
To: Lockett, Vania
Cc: Neal, Sonnita
Subject: RE: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary’s Weekly Report

I actually have all of those documents right here in my shared drive; I can just send them to you/OGC instead of incurring the whole Exec Sec process. Does that work?

From: Lockett, Vania [mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 4:49 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan
Cc: Neal, Sonnita
Subject: RE: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Jordan,

I have tasked the Executive Secretariat (Sonnita Neal) to provide the records. I need copies of any and all documents that fit the description of “weekly departmental report” or “brief report from each of the offices... produced through the Office of the Secretary” that were created within the timeframe between January 1, 2009 and May 1, 2009.

If you have further questions, you may reach me at 703-235-0778.

Regards,

Vania

3/3/2010
From: Grossman, Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 4:41 PM
To: Lockett, Vania
Subject: RE: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Hi Vania,

How exactly would you go about collecting the information on this request if the front office were to give it the go-ahead? (In other words, from whom would you be asking for information, and what documents would you be seeking?)

Thanks!

From: Lockett, Vania [mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 3:06 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan
Cc: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Neal, Sonnita
Subject: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Jordan,

Attached for your information is a FOIA request received by this office seeking a copy of the "Weekly Departmental Report for the Department of Homeland Security produced between January 1, 2000 and May 1, 2009," which was further described as the "brief report from each of the offices... produced through the Office of the Secretary."

Although this particular request does not fit the criteria you set forth for inclusion in the weekly report of significant FOIA requests (i.e. he is an individual who is a blogger and not tied to a broader news organization), due to the subject matter, I thought you may want to be aware of this request. This office will task the Executive Secretariat to search for responsive records.

If you have questions, feel free to give me a call at (b) (6)

Thank you.

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Sandweg, John

From: Palmer, David
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 7:26 PM
To: Sandweg, John
Subject: Fw: FOIA Requests Received in Privacy Office

Fyi

Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

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From: Callahan, Mary Ellen
To: Kim, Leezie
Cc: Callahan, Mary Ellen <Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov>; Palmer, David
Sent: Tue Sep 22 19:01:25 2009
Subject: FOIA Requests Received in Privacy Office

Dear Leeizzie --

As a starting point for our discussion on FOIA, attached please find the last two weekly reports submitted to the Front Office, as well as an Excel spreadsheet containing a listing of requests received in the Privacy Office between September 7 and September 18, 2009.

Dee,
Mary Ellen
Sandweg, John

From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 11:26 PM
To: Sandweg, John; Krollof, Noah
Subject: FW: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Not sure if this matters, but all of our weekly reports are marked "not for public distribution"

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 6:25 PM
To: Lockett, Vania
Cc: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Neal, Sonnita; Shlossman, Amy
Subject: RE: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Hi Vania,

Thank you very much for letting me know about this. Please hold on this for the short-term — we are going over this request with OGC to determine a way forward.

Thanks!

Jordan

From: Lockett, Vania [mailto:Vania.Lockett@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 3:06 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan
Cc: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Neal, Sonnita
Subject: FOIA Request for Office of the Secretary's Weekly Report

Jordan,

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If you have questions, feel free to give me a call at (b) (6)

Thank you.

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Sandweg, John

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen [Mary Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 9:10 AM
To: Sandweg, John
Subject: Fw: (FOIA) Please reply by tomorrow COB.

Fyi. The mtg is tomorrow at 2pm if you can make it. Tx!

Mary Ellen Callahan
Chief Privacy Officer
Department of Homeland Security

From: Lockett, Vania
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Cc: Kropf, John; Holzerland, William; Lockett, Vania; Lantz, Emily
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

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 7:58 PM
To: Lantz, Emily <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 EOIs about?
- 6/19: Nathan Cardozo of Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco requested from OIG:

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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 2/29/2009 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 Greenewald, 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

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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!

Jordan Grossman  
Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  

 Jordangrossman@dhs.gov
FW: AP FOIA request of Dec. 21...

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John, Audrey, and David:

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Thanks,
Mary Ellen

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-----Original Message-----
From: Holzerland, William
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2010 4:10 PM
To: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: FW: Amended AP FOIA request of Dec. 21, 2009

MEC, below is the amended request from the AP received this afternoon. The original received 12/21/09 is attached.
Thanks,
Bill

-----Original Message-----
From: prvs=614761b59@TBridis@ap.org [mailto:prvs=614761b59@TBridis@ap.org] On Behalf Of Bridis, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2010 2:04 PM
To: FOIA
Cc: Kaiser, Karen; Bridis, Ted
Subject: Amended AP FOIA request of Dec. 21, 2009

Jan. 5, 2010

FOIA
The Privacy Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Drive SW
STOP-0550
Washington, DC 20528-0550
Telephone: 703-235-0750
Facsimile: 703-235-0443
Email: foia@dhs.gov

Dear Ms. or Sir,

Please consider this an amended request under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Electronic Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C § 552, and Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. § 5. This request supersedes the one that I made on Dec. 21, 2009.

I am seeking copies of all communication, including but not limited to e-mails and memos sent and received pertaining to Front Office oversight of FOIA operations at DHS from Jan. 1, 2009, to the present. Specifically, I am seeking copies of all communications directing DHS FOIA staff to amend the protocol of processing requests and involvement of the Front office and staff members in the review, approval and formulation of FOIA responses. The records we are seeking include all such communications with Bill Hoerland, Vanita Lockett, FOIA Chief Mary Ellen Callahan, Deputy Chief Katherine Papoi, counsel John Sandweg, Deputy Chief of Staff Amy Shlossman, Chief of Staff for Policy Noah Kroloff, Chief of Staff for Operations Jan Lesher, Chief of Staff for Management Directorate Chris Cummikey, senior counsel Brian de Vaillance and their staffs.

We are particularly interested in communications directing the FOIA office not to be responsive to particular requests.

We understand that exemption (b)(5) allows agencies to withhold inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters "which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency." However, discretionary disclosure is warranted in this case in light of the president's Jan. 21 memo on the Freedom of Information Act, which said, "The Government should not keep information confidential merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears." It also is warranted in this case by the attorney general's FOIA guidelines of March 19; the president's memorandum on transparency and open government of Dec. 8; and FOIA guidance for executive agencies from the director of the Justice Department's Office of Information Policy, which state: "There is no doubt that records protected by Exemption 5 hold the greatest promise for increased discretionary releases under the Attorney General's guidelines" and that while discretionary releases are possible with a number of FOIA exemptions, discretionary releases "will be most applicable under Exemption 5." The OIP guidance said discretionary releases "will be fully consistent with the purpose of the FOIA to make available to the public records which reflect the operations and activities of the government. Records covered by the deliberative process privilege in particular have significant release potential... Documents protected by other Exemption 5 privileges can also be subject to discretionary disclosures." Additionally, the OIP guidance said that "In response to requests for records, agencies should view each request with a presumption of openness. They should strive to maximize the amount of records released and aim to release portions of records when full release is not possible. Agencies should not withhold records merely because an exemption legally applies."

Additionally, we note that the subject of this request - the department's responsiveness under the Freedom of Information Act - relates directly to what President Obama has described as "accountability through transparency." It would be curiously ironic for the
department to deny a request under the Freedom of Information Act about how it is managing requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please consider this an expedited request under the FOIA and under DHS regulation 6 C.F.R. § 5.5 (d)(1)(ii) as this information is urgently required to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, namely its efforts to comply with the Freedom of Information Act, which President Obama has described as "the most prominent expression of a profound national commitment to ensuring an open government." The government's responsiveness to FOIA is being considered under the Open Government directive of Dec. 8, which set deadlines of as little as 45 days for compliance with certain provisions; by the imminent release of agency annual FOIA reports; and by the upcoming "Sunshine Week" on March 14-20, a national initiative to discuss the importance of open government and freedom of information. I certify that I am a full-time employee for The Associated Press, the world's largest news-gathering organization with more than 1 billion readers, listeners and viewers.

Please release any information pursuant to my requests as it is received and/or reviewed by your office, rather than waiting to send me all the material I have requested.

As I am making this request on behalf of the AP for use in reporting the news, no fees may be assessed for searching or reviewing documents sought by this request, and no duplication fees should be charged to the AP for the first 100 pages of material (see 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II); 6 C.F.R. § 5.11(c)(1)). AP hereby consents to pay duplication charges up to a total not to exceed $250, noting that duplication fees are set at 10 cents per page after the first 100 pages under 6 C.F.R. § 5.11(c)(2) and (d)(3)(i). Please notify me in advance before incurring any duplication charges in excess of this amount.

As you know, the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request fits that category and I therefore ask that you waive any fees.

To the extent that you affirm, in whole or in part, the denial of disclosure, we ask that the [Agency] provide us with a list describing with specificity the categories of documents that have been withheld and explaining the grounds for the withholding. See Vaughn v. Rosen, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973).

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and inform me of your agency's administrative appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I look forward to hearing from you.

{(Signed)
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Sandweg, John

From: Palmer, David
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 5:16 PM
To: Sandweg, John
Subject: Fw: 09-626 Weekly Report, Sample Document
Attachments: 09-626 March 12.pdf

Sent from my BlackBerry Handheld.

David J. Palmer
Deputy Associate General Counsel - Legal Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Clark-Moe, Loren
To: Palmer, David
Sent: Thu Jun 25 17:05:39 2009
Subject: 09-626 Weekly Report, Sample Document

One of the reports that I've gone through and marked up.

From: Clark-Moe, Loren
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 5:21 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: FW: 09-626 Weekly Report, Sample Document

Jordan,

As discussed, I've attached one of the weekly reports that I've gone through. b5

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If you'll send me back a copy with comments, etc I can make sure this process works for everyone and then start on all the documents.

Thanks!

~Loren
From: Clark-Moe, Loren
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 4:51 PM
To: Lockett, Vanla
Subject: 09-626 Weekly Report, Sample Document

Vania,

Attached is one of the weekly reports, responsive to FOIA request 09-626. For review, I’ve prepared the document in the following ways:

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~Loren
Sandweg, John

From: Shlossman, Amy
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 10:27 AM
To: 'Kroloff, Noah'; Smith, Sean; McNamara, Phil; Button, Christopher; Kim, Leezie; Sandweg, John; Hartman, Katrina; Brown, Mary Ellen; Groocman, Jordan; Whithorno, Bobby; Kudwa, Amy
Subject: FOIA requests on the Secretary's Schedule

WH Counsel has asked that all FOIA's related to Cabinet members' schedules/ travel be sent to their office [b] [6] Blake Roberts-[b] [6] for review prior to release due to WH meetings, calls, etc. Assume OGC will coordinate this, but we need to make sure nothing goes out prior to being reviewed by WH counsel and our front office.

As we've been doing, we need to continue to alert WH cab affairs and comms as soon as the requests are received (prior to the responsive docs being pulled).

Thanks.
Sandweg, John

From: (b)(6) Roberts, Blake C.
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 4:29 PM
To: Creep, Jason C.; Siegelbaum, Jill; Sandweg, John; miajywong@hq.doc.gov; AnaMarie Arriagas@hud.gov; art.gary@sol.doi.gov; Marlise.Streetmatter@dot.gov; Will.Gunn@va.gov; Dolphin, Tene
Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: FOIA request for weekly cabinet reports

All,

I'm writing in regards to the request each of your departments received from Michael Ravnitzky for "a copy of each Weekly Department Report for [your department] produced between January 1, 2009 and May 1, 2009."

After reviewing some of the responsive documents transmitted to us and discussing the matter with OLC, we have decided, at this time, not to categorically assert Presidential communications privilege to withhold all weekly cabinet reports transmitted to the White House. If you have not already, please process this request as you would any other FOIA request. Please also transmit a copy set of all documents with White House equities, with your proposed redactions, to our office. We consider any report sent to the White House to have White House equities. Your departmental liaison in our office will work with you to process the request.

Please contact (b)(6) and (b)(6) copied on this email, to make arrangements to transfer the copy set with your proposed redactions. Please also let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Blake

Blake Roberts
Deputy Associate White House Counsel
(b)(6)
302.503.5521 (m)
(b)(6)
Sandweg, John

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen [Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 11:22 AM
To: Palmer, David; Sandweg, John; Anderson, Audrey
Cc: Callahan, Mary Ellen; Papoi, Catherine
Subject: FOIA process
Attachments: 20091118 FOIA Procedures Memo (MEC).doc

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Thanks,
Mary Ellen

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Hi John—Amy forwarded on the FOIA request that DHS received for the weekly report. Can you be in touch with Blake Roberts from WH counsel’s office, cc’d, on that?

Thanks very much!

Astri

Astri Kimball
White House Cabinet Affairs
Sandweg, John

From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 12:28 AM
To: Sandweg, John
Subject: Details on the FOIA Meeting

Pretty sure Amy or I passed this on to you guys, but just in case we didn't, wanted to make sure you had details on the FOIA overview for tomorrow:

FOIA Overview Meeting
When: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 2:00 PM-2:30 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: NAC (5110-D)
Sandweg, John

From: Callahan, Mary Ellen [Mary.Ellen.Callahan@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 2:24 PM
To: Sandweg, John; Anderson, Audrey; Palmer, David
Cc: Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: FW: AP requests (Bridis & Appuzo)
Importance: High

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Thanks, mec

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From: Holzerland, William
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 1:30 PM
To: Papoi, Catherine; Lockett, Vanla; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: AP requests (Bridis & Appuzo)
Importance: High

All,
We are receiving pressure from the Associated Press on at least two fronts at the moment. Tara Clark received a phone call from Matt Appuzo regarding 09-989, seeking records on the land ports of entry. Matt’s putting the full court press on to gain some insight as to the timeline. Tara came to fill me in on status and indicated the current process calls for ExecSec to send the clean copies of the records to OGC (with ExecSec providing zero by way of suggested redactions), then for OGC to review and clear prior to sending to PRIV, then get sent to PRIV for processing, then back to OGC/ExecSec for concurrence. I know the process has been worked out with ExecSec and OGC

At any rate, Tara indicated she is unable to provide the AP with any kind of semi-accurate timeline under the current process, and AP wants an estimated timeline (which they’re entitled to under OPEN Govt Act) by CQ today.

On another front, I got a call from Ted Bridis of the AP just now. He received the acknowledgment letter re: his request for records on front office involvement in the FOIA process. Essentially, he wanted to inform us he’s considering appealing the denial of expedited processing. Basically, Ted’s position is that this topic is extremely timely, relevant and newsworthy given the policy changes of the last year, coupled with the fact DOJ held a training meeting closed to the public last month and has another one scheduled for Tuesday, etc. AP wrote at least one story on this topic last year (that I recall) and Ted is currently working on other ones. That aside, Ted was also looking for an estimated timeline on the new request, but since it’s so new, we really don’t have any way

1/28/2010
Ted indicated he and his counsel plan to keep up the pressure and ask for regular status updates on this request and reiterated they want interim responses rather than producing records en masse if we can do this.

Regards,
Bill

William H. Holzerland, CIPP/G
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Associate Director,
Printable Policy & FOIA Program Development
From: Holzerland, William
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 4:15 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

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Jordan, I have a quick question regarding [redacted]

I will see you tomorrow.

Thank you, Bill

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From: Grossman, Jordan
To: Holzerland, William; Fox, Julia; amy.shlossman@dhs.gov <amy.shlossman@dhs.gov>
Cc: catherine.papoi@dhs.gov <catherine.papoi@dhs.gov>; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: Re: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow

Thanks!

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

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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From: Grossman, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 3:33 PM
To: Holzerland, William; Fox, Julia; amy.shlossman@dhs.gov
Cc: catherine.papoi@dhs.gov; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: RE: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow

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)[redacted] appear to be identical - did one get left out by mistake?
Thanks!

-----Original Message-----
From: Holzerland, William
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 9:28 PM
To: Holzerland, William; Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia; amy.shlossman@dhs.gov
Cc: catherine.papo@dhs.gov; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: RE: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow

Good evening all,

Attached is the draft ICE interim response letter for your review. The responsive records for the interim response will be sent up via CD tomorrow morning.

thank you,

Bill

-----Original Message-----
From: Holzerland, William
Sent: Tue 12/29/2009 1:54 PM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia; amy.shlossman@dhs.gov
Cc: catherine.papo@dhs.gov; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: RE: 2 FOIAs coming in tomorrow

Good afternoon all,

The draft Office of Inspector General interim response letter is attached for your review. The responsive records themselves are too voluminous to send via email. I will bring a CD containing the responsive records to the NAC personally.

The ICE FOIA Office is revising the draft letter for their interim response and will be sending the letter over for review shortly. The 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

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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.papo@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

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Fox, Julia

From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 2:33 PM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: FOIA Report

Yes, she did. Thank you!

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 2:28 PM
To: Fox, Julia
Cc: Grossman, Jordan; Papoi, Catherine
Subject: RE: FOIA Report

Thanks Julia. I believe Vania emailed you all of the incoming requests yesterday with the weekly report. Please let me know if I am incorrect. Thank you.

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From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 2:11 PM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: FOIA Report

Hi Catherine,

Below is the list of FOIA requests and releases from the report this week. Let me know if you have any questions, and thanks so much for your help.

Julia

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FOIA requests

- On September 18th, Amy Browne of WERU-FM in East Orland, ME, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency all documents that pertain to current or proposed responses to a flu pandemic, nationally or regionally.

- On September 23rd, Matt Robinson, an independent journalist in East New Orleans, LA, requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) all communications and correspondence between FEMA, TL Industries, Simplifi Business, Forest River Homes and other contractors.

- On September 28th, David Enrich of The Wall Street Journal in New York, NY, requested from DHS all records of government contracts between DHS and Citigroup, Inc. and its affiliates between September 30, 2007, and the present, to specifically include all correspondence related to contract negotiations and awards, bids and applications submitted by Citigroup, and descriptions of roles played by Citigroup or its affiliates under such contracts.

- On September 28th, Melissa Keaney of the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles, CA, requested from DHS all records related to the Secure Communities Program from March 28, 2008, to the present.

- On September 29th, J. Scott Tarbutton, a representative of Cozen O'Connor, in Philadelphia, PA, requested from DHS all records pertaining to Abu Zubaydah, former senior leader of Al Qaeda, to specifically include records of interrogations and intelligence reports.

- On September 29th, J. Scott Tarbutton, a representative of Cozen O'Connor, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, requested from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) all records pertaining to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, former senior leader of Al Qaeda, to specifically include records of interrogations and intelligence reports.

- On September 29th, John Althen of Judicial Watch in Washington, D.C., requested from DHS all documents concerning the construction of centrifuge facilities near Qom, Iran.

- On October 1st, Janice Nicely from LRP Publications in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) internal TSA Disciplinary Review Board opinions and decisions from May 1, 2008, through August 31, 2008.

- On October 1st, various news outlets requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) documentation related to an incident between Representative Jason Chaffetz and a TSA agent on September 21, 2009 at Salt Lake City International Airport. Thomas Burr with Salt Lake Tribune requested all videos of the TSA checkpoint from 11:00AM to 2:00PM that day. Mary Rice with KUTV in Salt Lake City requested the surveillance video of the incident. John Hollenhurst with KSL-Television in Salt Lake City requested all notes, audio recordings, video recordings and records pertaining to the incident. Lee Davidson with Desert Morning News in Salt Lake City requested written notes or reports by TSA officials that describe the incident.

- On October 1st, Marcia Carroll, a researcher for Multinational Monitor in Washington, D.C., requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) documents (including but not limited to, emails, letters, reports, studies, meeting minutes) relating to safety and privacy issues of whole body imaging machines.

- On October 1st, Chris Paschenko with Galveston County Daily News in Galveston, TX requested the following from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA): 1) all documents pertaining to the issuance of a Transportation Worker Identification credential to Mark J. Semkiw, and 2) how many and what types of waivers have been granted since the Transportation Worker Identification Program began.

FOIA Releases

- On September 17th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to The Wall Street
Journal in New York, NY, 1,244 pages of medical records pertaining to the custody, medical care, and deaths of the 10 detainees whose names were released by ICE on August 17, 2009.

- On September 18th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to News City News Service in New York, NY, an Excel spreadsheet listing detainees that have died while in ICE custody.

- On September 22nd, Immigration and Customs Enforcement released to the New York Civil Liberties Union in New York, NY, 755 pages of records pertaining to grievances filed by detainees housed in the Varick Federal Detention Center in New York, NY. In addition, a copy of the detainee handbook given to detainees at this facility was released to the requester.

- On September 22nd, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to The Dallas Morning News in Austin, TX, 502 pages of detention facility inspection reports, carried out by the ICE Office of Detention and Removal Operations and the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility, of detention facilities and county jails throughout the state of Texas since January 1, 2007.

- On September 24th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to Jerome N. Frank Legal Service Organization (Yale Law School) in New Haven, CT, 1,298 pages of immigration detainer notices, ICE Academy Manuals, PowerPoint presentations regarding the issuance of ICE detainers, and ICE policy memoranda with guidance on the Fugitive Operations Program, the Criminal Alien Program, and Secure Communities.

- On September 28th, the DHS Management Directorate released to The Associated Press, 93 pages of Directives, Memoranda, and guidance on official travel.


- On September 29th, the Office of Inspector General released to The Washington Times, 33 pages of narrative listings pertaining to DHS travel practices and/or travel abuses.

- On September 29th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement released to the Chicago Tribune, 315 pages of Treatment Authorization Requests.

- On September 29th, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services released to The Gainesville Sun, in Gainesville, FL, 41 pages of records related to Dove World Outreach Center.

- On September 30th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement released to the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, 195 pages of training materials regarding the use of the IDENT and IAFIS databases as well as the role of the Secure Communities program office.

- On September 30th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement released to the American Civil Liberties Union Immigrant Rights Project in New York City, 742 pages and 2 Excel files making up policy memoranda, training materials, and deportation charts regarding the Post Order Custody Review Process.

- On September 30th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona in Phoenix, AZ, 618 pages of records relating to civil immigration enforcement actions conducted by ICE between November 19-23, 2008 in Coconino and Yavapai Counties.

- On September 30th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement released to Casa de Maryland in Silver Spring, MD 629 pages of records making up the Detention and Deportation Officer’s Field Manual.

- On September 30th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement released to the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri in St. Louis, 20 pages of records including the 287(g) agreement with the State of Missouri as well as a statistical chart containing data on detainers issued in the State of Missouri for fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

- On September 30th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement released to the Associated Press in
Atlanta, GA, 560 pages of medical and investigation records pertaining to the death of detainee Mr. Roberto Martinez Media, who passed away at a hospital in Columbus, GA following his custody at the Stewart Detention Facility in Lumpkin, GA.

- On September 30th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the *Associated Press* in San Antonio, TX, an Excel spreadsheet listing detainees that have died while in ICE Custody since 2003. In addition, ICE provided 355 pages of e-mail correspondence pertaining to additional deaths discovered in records searches conducted in August, 2009.

- On September 30th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to the *Associated Press* in El Paso, TX, 436 pages of records pertaining to investigations conducted by the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility of substantiated allegations of misconduct filed by ICE employees against other ICE employees.

- On September 30th, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to *The Houston Chronicle* in Houston, TX, 10 pages of e-mail correspondence and an internal note to the Assistant Secretary pertaining to an April 23, 2009 incident that occurred aboard American Airlines Flight 983 from Miami, FL to Guatemala involving an unescorted ICE detainee.

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3/9/2010
From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 2:00 PM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: RE: Reminder: Weekly reports due at 12 noon

Thanks Catherine!

From: Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 8:52 AM
To: Fox, Julia; Grossman, Jordan
Cc: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: RE: Reminder: Weekly reports due at 12 noon

Attached is the USCG AP release you requested below. Let me know if there are questions. Thanks.

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From: Fox, Julia [mailto:Julia.Fox@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 8:30 AM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: Reminder: Weekly reports due at 12 noon

Good morning!

FOIA requests are listed below. We also were wondering whether we could have some more information about this release:

- On October 6th, the U.S. Coast Guard released 3 pages of records to The Associated Press in Boston, MA, regarding extra patrol boats the Coast Guard stationed near the Kennedy family compound in Hyannis Port, MA and near the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston from August 26-29, 2009.

FOIA Requests
• On October 2nd, Suzanne Gamboa of the Associated Press in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services travel records and expense accounts of all Office of Security and Integrity during the period December 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008. The requester is also seeking expense accounts of former director Emilio T. Gonzalez for the same period.

• On October 5th, Michael Bekesha of Judicial Watch in Washington, D.C., requested from the Secret Service all records concerning the cost of the trip of President and First Lady Obama, Secretary Arne Duncan, Secretary Ray LaHood, Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett, and representatives of the White House Office of Olympic, Paralympics, and Youth Sports, to Copenhagen during the week of September 28, 2009.

• On October 5th, John Cheves of the Lexington Herald-Leader in Lexington, KY, requested from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) copies of OIG audits and inspection reports regarding homeland security funds awarded to specific public entities in Kentucky from January 1, 2002, to the present.

• On October 5th, Jim McElhatton of the Washington Times in Washington, D.C., requested from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) copies of reports/memos for specified closed OIG investigations pertaining to compliance with Federal travel regulations.

• On October 6th, Michelle Roberts from The Associated Press in San Antonio, TX, requested from Customs and Border Protection information related to the screening of unaccompanied minors for trafficking victims including: agency guidelines for screening; printed material used for training personnel; number of agents trained per month and number and nationalities of children identified per month in 2009.

• On October 7th, DHS received a referral from the Treasury Department of a FOIA request from Itai Maytal of The New York Times seeking all Congressional correspondence pertaining to companies that work with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), to specifically include correspondence related to such companies seeking license from OFAC or have been found by OFAC to be in violation of a sanctions program, and relating to OFAC’s licensing process in general.

• On October 8th, James Tucker of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, in San Francisco, CA, requested from DHS and the Secret Service all records concerning the use of social-networking websites, including but not limited to Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Flickr and other online social media for investigative and data gathering purposes from January 1, 2003, to the present.

Thank you!

From: Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 7:47 AM
To: Fox, Julia; Grossman, Jordan
Cc: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: Fw: Reminder: Weekly reports due at 12 noon

Good morning! Have you had a chance to put together the requests you wish to review from this week's report? Thanks.

Catherine

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From: Lockett, Vania  
To: Fox, Julia  
Cc: Papoi, Catherine  
Sent: Tue Oct 13 10:04:27 2009  
Subject: RE: Reminder: Weekly reports due at 12 noon

Julia,

Attached is this week's FOIA report along with copies of the incoming requests. Please let me know if you have questions.

Regards,

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From: Fox, Julia  
Sent: Tue 10/13/2009 9:03 AM  
To: CRPTASKING; TEZAK, JOSEPH E; STACEY, ANNE-MARIE; MARICA, STEPHANIE; BELL, CHRISTINA A; Flores, Gina; Schmidt, Julie; Kaufman, Gal; Holmes, Tequila; Johnson, Denise; Lockett, Vania; Hogan, Megan  
Subject: Reminder: Weekly reports due at 12 noon

Good morning all,

I hope you enjoyed the three day weekend! Just a quick reminder that weekly reports are due by 12 noon today.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Julia

Julia Fox  
Special Assistant  
Office of the Chief of Staff | Office of the Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security
From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 10:24 AM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: RE: Final notification!!! ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Thank you!

From: Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 10:23 AM
To: Fox, Julia
Subject: Re: Final notification!!! ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

It actually went out on the 13th since the 12th was a holiday. Thanks.

C

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From: Fox, Julia <Julia.Fox@dhs.gov>
To: Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>
Cc: Grossman, Jordan <Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov>
Sent: Thu Oct 15 08:37:09 2009
Subject: RE: Final notification!!! ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Good morning!

I just wanted to confirm that this release went out on October 12th. We’re hoping to include a bullet on it in the FOIA releases section of the weekly report but I want to make sure to list the correct date.

Thank you,

Julia

From: Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2009 9:44 AM
To: Fox, Julia; Papoi, Catherine; Grossman, Jordan
Subject: Re: Final notification!!! ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Fantastic. Thanks guys!

C

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From: Fox, Julia <Julia.Fox@dhs.gov>
To: Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>; Grossman, Jordan <Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov>
Sent: Fri Oct 09 09 18:26:41 2009
Subject: Re: Final notification!!! ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Looks good for release.

Thanks Catherine. Have a great long weekend!

From: Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>
To: Grossman, Jordan <Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov>; Fox, Julia <Julia.Fox@dhs.gov>
Cc: Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>
Sent: Fri Oct 09 09 10:36:57 2009
Subject: Final notification!!! ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Hi Jordan and Julia.
Just a friendly reminder that the below case is due to be reviewed by the front office by COB today. It is to go out the door monday morning and want to make sure you don't miss your chance to review! Thanks.

Catherine
From: Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>
To: Grossman, Jordan <Jordan.Grossman@dhs.gov>; Fox, Julia <Julia.Fox@dhs.gov>
Cc: Papoi, Catherine <Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov>
Sent: Tue Oct 06 11:28:47 2009
Subject: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Jordan and Julia,

TSA 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.

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Fox, Julia

From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 9:15 AM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

We have finalized our review on this one and it looks good for release.
Thank you!

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 8:15 AM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia
Cc: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Jordan and Julia,

The Privacy Office 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. Please see the below email for special circumstances regarding this response. I concur with the determination to handle it as detailed below. Thank you.

C

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From: Lockett, Vania
To: Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Holzerland, William
Sent: Thu Oct 15 09:54:55 2009
Subject: Tagged Request 10-015
Catherine,

One of the requests tagged by the Front Office is a request from the New York Times seeking two items:
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."

Thanks!

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Fox, Julia

From: Fox, Julia  
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 1:19 PM  
To: Papoi, Catherine  
Cc: Grossman, Jordan  
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

We have reviewed – looks good for release.

Thanks Catherine.

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From: Papoi, Catherine  
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 2:28 PM  
To: Fox, Julia; Grossman, Jordan  
Cc: 'Papoi, Catherine'  
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Fox, Julia

From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 10:41 AM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Cc: Grossman, Jordan
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Good morning Catherine,

We have finalized our review on this one. Thank you!

From: Papoi, Catherine
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 9:45 AM
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia
Cc: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Jordan and Julia,

DHS/PCOM 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 and have a great weekend.

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From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 9:04 AM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Here it is. Thank you!

**FOIA Requests**

- **On October 8th, Melissa Keaney** of the National Law Center in Washington, D.C., requested from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) records concerning the ICE Secure Communities Program (SCP), dated from March 28, 2008, to the present, to specifically include: 1) SCP policies, procedures, and training materials provided to state and local government agencies, 2) records regarding the SCP’s “risk-based” classification approach, 3) records regarding the use and issuance of immigration detainers or holds pursuant to the SCP, 4) aggregate data or statistical reports related to individuals placed under immigration detainers pursuant to the SCP, and 5) contracts or agreements with any non-governmental entity for implementation of the SCP.

- **On October 13th, Adam Pursch** of *Fox 13 News* in Salt Lake City, UT, requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) video footage regarding an incident between Representative Jason Chaffetz and TSA officials at Salt Lake International Airport on September 21, 2009, to specifically include reports, transcripts, surveillance video, or audio recordings of this incident.

- **On October 13th, R.E. Loesch** from AZ Traditions in Surprise, AZ, requested from the Secret Service all records relating to any visit that the following individuals made to the White House from January 20, 2009, to the present: Association of Community Organizers for Reform Now and the Service Employees International Union, to specifically include information from two systems known formally as the White House Access Control System and the White House visitor logs.

- **On October 13th, Eileen Sullivan** of *The Associated Press* in Washington, D.C., requested from DHS copies of all FOIA requests received by DHS and its components from January 1, 2009, to the present.

- **On October 13th, Eileen Sullivan** of *The Associated Press* in Washington, D.C., requested from DHS all appointment calendars and other records reflecting personal visits, meetings, and other correspondence from January 21, 2009, to the present for Secretary Janet Napolitano, Chiefs of Staff Noah Krolloff and Jan Lesher, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Chief of Staff Suzanne Barr, and Customs and Border Protection Chief of Staff Marco Lopez.

- **On October 14th, John Althen** of Judicial Watch in Washington, D.C., requested from the Coast Guard all documents pertaining to the construction of centrifuge facilities near Qom, Iran.

- **On October 15th, Timothy Kehrer** from the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in Washington, D.C., requested from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all correspondence between Senator John Ensign and/or representatives from his office and USCIS including letters, reports, other relevant material relating to Sue Lowden, The Archon Corporation, Sahara Resorts, and Pioneer Hotel and Gambling Hall.

- **On October 15th, Steven Emerson** of *SAE Productions* in Washington, D.C., requested from DHS all records pertaining to an August 31, 2009, meeting between DHS and the Michigan State chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MI). Steven Emerson also requested from DHS all of the above records pertaining to an August 19, 2009, meeting between DHS, Customs and Border Protection, and the Washington State chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.
Emerson has made similar requests in the past.

From: Papoi, Catherine  
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 7:30 AM  
To: Fox, Julia  
Cc: Papoi, Catherine  
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Also, just a reminder to send the cases of interest from the weekly report when you have a minute. Thanks!

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From: Fox, Julia  
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 5:36 PM  
To: Papoi, Catherine  
Cc: Grossman, Jordan  
Subject: RE: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED***

Catherine,

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

Thank you,

Julia

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

Jordan and Julia,

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

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Fox, Julia

From: Fox, Julia
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 2:25 PM
To: Papoi, Catherine

Hi Catherine,

Do you know when this release went out?

DHS released to Gregg Carlstrom of the Federal Times, a list of the five most expensive international airline tickets purchased by agency employees travelling on official business during the 2008 fiscal year, including origin and destination locations, cost, and the fare class of the ticket; and a copy of the five largest international travel reimbursements from the 2008 fiscal year.

Thank you!

Julia Fox
Special Assistant
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Department of Homeland Security

Julia.Fox@dhs.gov
Fox, Julia

From: Fox, Julia  
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2009 3:21 PM  
To: Papoi, Catherine  
Cc: Grossman, Jordan  
Subject: RE: reminder: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED***October 27, 2009

We have finalized our review and this is good to go.

From: Papoi, Catherine  
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2009 1:04 PM  
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
Cc: Papoi, Catherine  
Subject: reminder: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED***October 27, 2009

Just a reminder that the suspense date for the attached requests is tomorrow.

C

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From: Papoi, Catherine  
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 9:50 AM  
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
Cc: Papoi, Catherine  
Subject: ***FRONT OFFICE REVIEW REQUESTED***October 27, 2009

Jordan and Julia,

Privacy/HQ forwarded the attached three incoming requests and proposed responses pertaining to rightwing extremism for your review. Since we are releasing the same set of records for all three requests, they included the records only once. Also, they did not include copies of the records being withheld in full. 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

3/9/2010
From: Lockett, Vania  
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 8:38 AM  
To: Papoi, Catherine  
Cc: Lockett, Vania; Wolfrey, Jimmy <CTR>  
Subject: Rightwing Extremism Releases for Front Office Clearance

Catherine,

Attached for clearance by the Front Office are draft responses to three FOIA requests seeking records relating to the rightwing extremism product. Since we are releasing the same set of records for all three requests, I have included the records only once. Also, I did not include copies of the records being withheld in full.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks.

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Fox, Julia

From: Fox, Julia  
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2009 3:21 PM  
To: Papoi, Catherine  
Cc: Grossman, Jordan

Subject: RE: reminder: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED*****October 27, 2009

We have finalized our review and this is good to go.

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From: Papoi, Catherine  
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2009 1:03 PM  
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
Cc: Papoi, Catherine

Subject: reminder: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED*****October 27, 2009  
Importance: High

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From: Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 8:48 AM  
To: Grossman, Jordan; Fox, Julia  
Cc: Papoi, Catherine

Subject: ***FRONT OFFICE FOIA REVIEW REQUESTED*****October 27, 2009  
Importance: High

Jordan and Julia,

TSA forwarded the attached incoming request and proposed response to the October 13th request filed by Adam Pursch of Fox13 News, Salt Lake City, regarding Congressman Chaffetz’s experience at the Salt Lake City International Airport on September 21, 2009. Apparently this response is representative of how they will respond to several other media requests for the same information. The response has already been cleared by TSA’s Chief Counsel’s Office, Public Affairs and the Acting TSA Administrator, Gale Rossides. Pursuant to your September 30, 2009 email, your office will review the
release and provide a response to my office within three days of receipt. Please let me know as soon as you have finalized your review. Thank you.

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From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA> [mailto:Kevin.Janet@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 3:20 PM
To: Papoi, Catherine
Subject: RE: ***REVIEW NOTIFICATION***October 21, 2009

Catherine, attached, please find our response to the October 13th request filed by Adam Pursch of Fox13 News, Salt Lake City, regarding Congressman Chaffetz's experience at the Salt Lake City International Airport on September 21, 2009. (See below). Your Office's timely review (and concurrence) would be greatly appreciated as our media requesters are anxious for TSA's response. This response is representative of how we will respond to several other media requests for the same information. (See your review notification email of October 7th). FYI, this response has been cleared by our Chief Counsel's Office, Public Affairs and the Acting TSA Administrator, Gale Rossides. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call. Thank you!

From: Papoi, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Papoi@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 12:15 PM
To: FOIA Officers
Cc: Papoi, Catherine; Callahan, Mary Ellen
Subject: ***REVIEW NOTIFICATION***October 21, 2009

Please review the below list and determine if your component will be responding to any of the requests. Be aware that a request may not have been sent to you directly, but instead come to you as a referral from my office or another component. Prior to final release, the DHS HQ Front Office will review the responses to the below FOIA requests. I will coordinate the process. When your component finalizes the release, please forward the response letter and documents for release in a single .pdf file to Catherine.papoi@dhs.gov. Again, it is very important that your office not send the response to the requester until I notify you that the response has been reviewed and is cleared to be sent to the requester. If your office has already responded to one of the below requests, please forward the entire release package (letter and records) to me via email immediately. Thank you for your continued work on this “One DHS” coordination effort.