



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Case No.: 201102842 ER1

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Mr. Ben Wizner  
American Civil Liberties Union  
125 Broad Street  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Mr. Wizner:

In response to your request dated April 12, 2011 under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552), the Department has conducted a search of our Central Foreign Policy Records and retrieved 23 documents responsive to your request.

After reviewing these documents, we have determined that eleven may be released with excisions, and twelve must be withheld in full. All released material is enclosed.

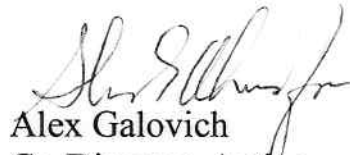
An enclosure provides information on Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. Of the documents withheld in full, twelve were withheld under exemption (b)(1); two under exemption (b)(6); and two under exemption (b)(7).

In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. In the case of a document released in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

We have now completed the processing of your case. If you have any questions, you may contact Department of Justice Trial Attorney Scott Risner, at (202) 514-2395. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

We hope that the Department has been of service to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex Galovich".

Alex Galovich  
Co-Director, Acting  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:  
As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

**FOIA Exemptions**

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
  - 1.4(a) military plans, systems, or operations;
  - 1.4(b) foreign government information;
  - 1.4(c) intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology;
  - 1.4(d) foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources;
  - 1.4(e) scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism;
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities;
  - 1.4(g) vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism;
  - 1.4(h) weapons of mass destruction;
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
  - ARMEX Arms Export Control Act, 22 USC 2778(e)
  - EXPORT Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 App. USC 2411(c)(1)
  - FSA Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4003 & 4004
  - INA Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f)
  - IRAN Iran Claims Settlement Act, Sec. 505, 50 USC 1701, note
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
  - (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

**Other Grounds for Withholding**

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester