



**United States Department of State**

**Washington, D.C. 20520**

August 1, 2019

Case No. F-2018-03781  
Segments: DRL, VO-0001 and  
VO-0002

Hugh Handeyside  
American Civil Liberties Union  
Foundation  
125 Broad Street – 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Mr. Handeyside:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated May 24, 2018. Thus far, the Department has located 13 documents responsive to your request. Upon review, we have determined five documents may be released in full, and eight documents may be released in part. The processing of your request is ongoing.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Elizabeth Tulis, Trial Attorney, at [elizabeth.tulis@usdoj.gov](mailto:elizabeth.tulis@usdoj.gov) or (202) 514-9237. Please refer to the case number, F-2018-03781, and the civil action number, 19-cv-00290 in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan C. Weetman', written over a faint, illegible background.

Susan C. Weetman  
Chief, Programs and Policies Division  
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:
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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP        | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)                    |
| CIA PERS/ORG   | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)      |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT         | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004                    |
| INA            | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN           | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505      |
- (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
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

**Other Grounds for Withholding**

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

**From:** Grisby, Dominique S <GrisbyDS@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2016 7:35 AM  
**To:** DRL-SHR <DRL-SHR@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Location

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Meeting Jenny at the Palantir meeting this morning. I will be in after that  
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

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**Subject:** Palantir Demo for DRL Leahy Team

**Location:** Palantir Technologies, 1025 Thomas Jefferson St. NW, Washington, DC 20007, 6th Floor

**Start:** 3/11/2016 10:00 AM

**End:** 3/11/2016 11:00 AM

**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Shiel, Annie

**Required Attendees:** DRL-SHR-Leahy; Michelle Mingrone

**Resources:** Palantir Technologies, 1025 Thomas Jefferson St. NW, Washington, DC 20007, 6th Floor

**From:** Shiel, Annie <ShielA@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 1, 2016 12:39 PM  
**To:** DRL-SHR-Leahy <DRL-SHR-Leahy@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Palantir Demo for Veters

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Hi Leahy Team,

Please let me know how next Thursday/Friday looks for you for scheduling a Palantir demo. This would be over at their headquarters in Georgetown, just a 5 minute drive or 10-15 minute walk away.

Thanks!

Annie

Annie Shiel

Security and Human Rights

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor

U.S. Department of State

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**From:** Shiel, Annie <ShielA@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2016 2:34 PM  
**To:** DRL-SHR-Leahy <DRL-SHR-Leahy@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Palantir Demo

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Happy Friday Leahy Team! I am in the process of scheduling another demo with Palantir, and wanted to reach out and see if any of you who are not working on the pilot countries and therefore have not yet been exposed to the project are interested in attending. If so, just let me know and I will send the invite along when I have it. We are tentatively looking at Wednesday AM next week.

Have a great weekend,

Annie  
Annie Shiel  
Security and Human Rights  
Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor  
U.S. Department of State  
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[shielA@state.gov](mailto:shielA@state.gov)  
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**From:** Lunsford, Bryan C <LunsfordBC@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 1:18 PM  
**To:** Lunsford, Bryan C <LunsfordBC@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Research Tip  
**Attach:** The Importance of Social Media.docx

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**From:** Dugger, Alan W  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** Lunsford, Bryan C  
**Cc:** Jones, Rebecca E  
**Subject:** Research Tip

Bryan,

Joe Owens created the attached document as a potential tip for the unit. It has case specific examples, so I thought you might want to ensure that it was okay to send out and could include it with your unit research tips.

Thanks,

**Alan Dugger**

*Visa Support Services*

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**From:** Beard, Christopher G <BeardCG@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 1, 2018 12:15 PM  
**To:** Dhabhar, Carlos P <DhabharCP@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Lunsford, Bryan C <LunsfordBC@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: DAR

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Next time I send it back if there's no title and drafter ☺

Please send up to Brenda and Joel simultaneously for clearance and then get it to the Specials before 3 p.m. (assuming Joel doesn't send it up himself or provide new instructions, which he may...)

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**From:** Beard, Christopher G  
**Sent:** Friday, June 01, 2018 9:03 AM  
**To:** Dhabhar, Carlos P  
**Cc:** Lunsford, Bryan C  
**Subject:** DAR

Good job with yesterday's visit. Because all good deeds generate more work, can y'all get me a DAR on the visit by about 11:30?

Thanks,  
Chris  
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**From:** Beard, Christopher G </o=SBUState/ou=FSI AG/cn=Recipients/cn=BeardCG>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 9, 2018 2:13 PM  
**To:** Grewe, Brenda L <GreweBL@state.gov>; Lunsford, Bryan C <LunsfordBC@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Slattery, Phillip T <SlatteryP@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: H/L Fee tasker

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Answers in blue.

Thanks,  
Chris

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**From:** Grewe, Brenda L  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2018 1:57 PM  
**To:** Lunsford, Bryan C  
**Cc:** Beard, Christopher G; Slattery, Phillip T; Nantais, Joel D  
**Subject:** RE: H/L Fee tasker

A few questions before I run off to a meeting.

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**From:** Lunsford, Bryan C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2018 1:54 PM  
**To:** Grewe, Brenda L  
**Cc:** Beard, Christopher G; Slattery, Phillip T; Nantais, Joel D  
**Subject:** H/L Fee tasker

Brenda – below is our wish-list. I’m emailing these so Phill and Joel have a chance to look at them before they go into the edits.

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**Bryan C. Lunsford**

Fraud Prevention Manager

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**From:** Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 1, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** Dhabhar, Carlos P <DhabharCP@state.gov>; Grewe, Brenda L <GreweBL@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Beard, Christopher G <BeardCG@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] DAR

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I clear for VO/DO with some small edits.

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**From:** Dhabhar, Carlos P  
**Sent:** Friday, June 01, 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** Grewe, Brenda L; Nantais, Joel D  
**Cc:** Beard, Christopher G  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] DAR

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Thank you,

Carlos

Carlos Dhabhar

Deputy Fraud Prevention Manager  
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**From:** Ali, Nausher <AliSN@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 8:29 AM  
**To:** Lunsford, Bryan C <LunsfordBC@state.gov>  
**Cc:** El Khatib, Cecelia K <ElKhatibCK@state.gov>; Grewe, Brenda L <GreweBL@state.gov>; Beard, Christopher G <BeardCG@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>; Rizvi, Sana Z <RizviSZ@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Software license for research:

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Thanks Bryan, I'll check with my colleagues.

Regards,  
Nausher

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**From:** Lunsford, Bryan C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 7:58 AM  
**To:** Ali, Nausher <AliSN@state.gov>  
**Cc:** El Khatib, Cecelia K <ElKhatibCK@state.gov>; Grewe, Brenda L <GreweBL@state.gov>; Beard, Christopher G <BeardCG@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Software license for research:

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Hello Nausher,

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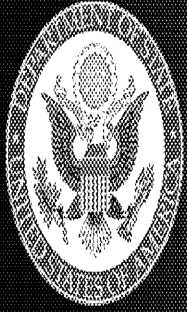
Best regards,  
Bryan

**Bryan C. Lunsford**  
Fraud Prevention Manager

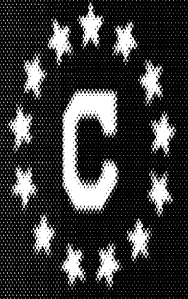
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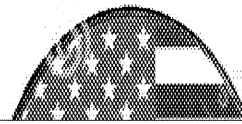


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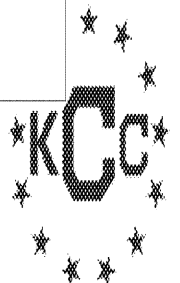
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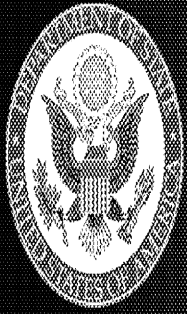
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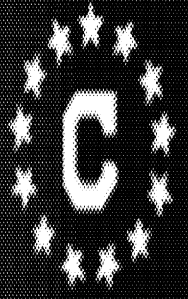
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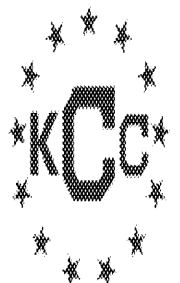
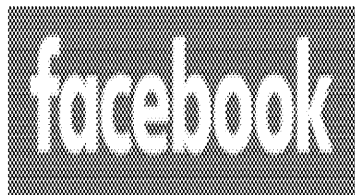
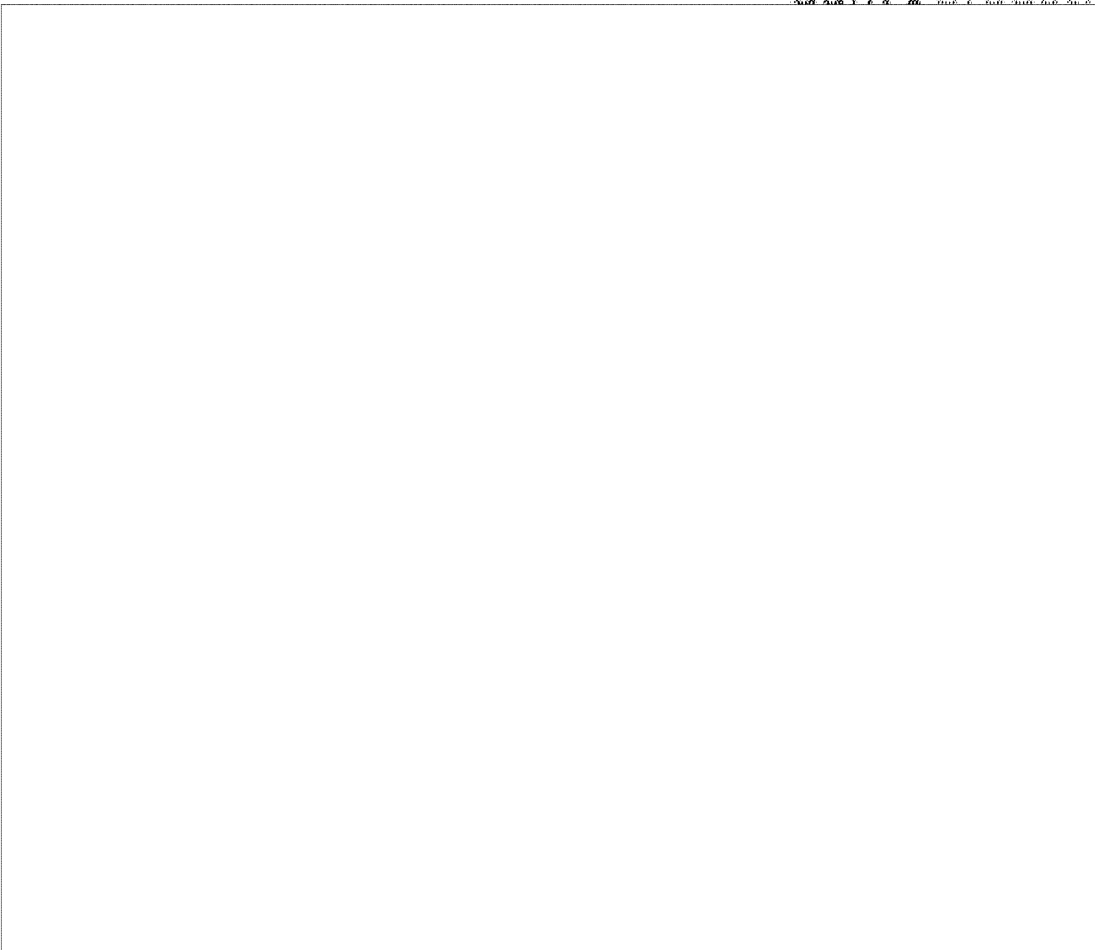
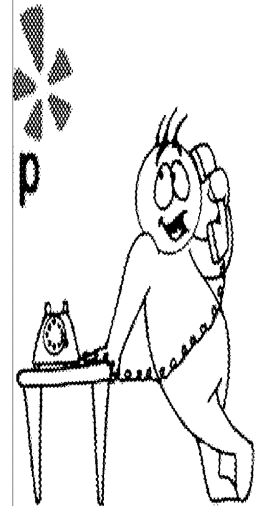
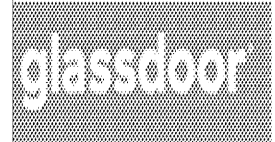
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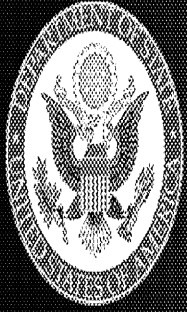


## What do we do?

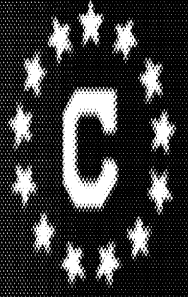


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# Summer Work Travel Verification



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# What happens with the information?

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**From:** Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2016 9:10 AM  
**To:** Dolce, Michael R <DolceMR@state.gov>; Miller-Little, Catherine T <Miller-LittleCT@state.gov>; Snyder, Benjamin A <SnyderBA@state.gov>; Martz, Aaron I <MartzAI@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>  
**Subject:** Interesting Article - Social Media

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<http://www.wired.com/2015/11/facebook-and-twitter-face-tough-choices-as-isis-exploits-social-media/>

**Joel Nantais**

Division Chief  
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**From:** Madad, Mahvish Z. <MadadMZ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2016 12:40 PM  
**To:** Miller-Little, Catherine T <Miller-LittleCT@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>  
**Cc:** Gardner, Joshua B <GardnerJB@state.gov>; Abramson, Shelton L <AbramsonSL@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: CA/FPP request for meeting [REDACTED]

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Hi Catherine and Joel,



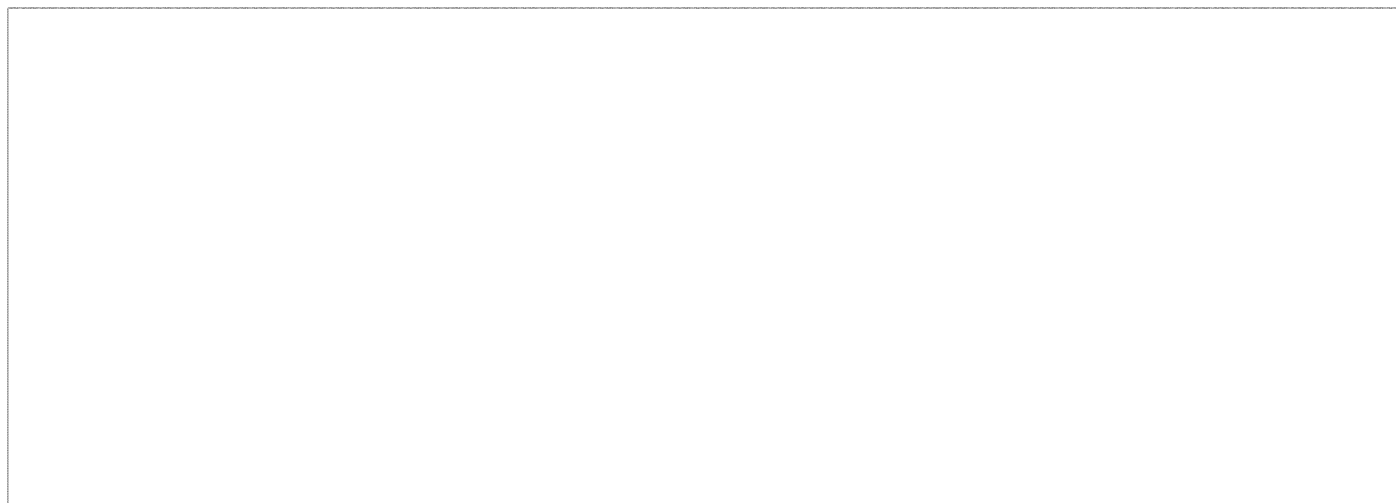
Many thanks,  
Mahvish

**Mahvish Z. Madad**  
Attorney Adviser, L/CA  
Office of the Legal Adviser  
U.S. Department of State  
(202) 485-8679

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**From:** Mauck, Taylor R  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 12:11 PM  
**To:** Newman, David S  
**Cc:** Herndon, Megan  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] Communication Update

Hi David,





Thanks,

**Taylor Mauck**

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U.S. Department of State  
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**From:** Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov> RELEASE IN FULL  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2016 3:54 PM  
**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J <RamotowskiEJ@state.gov>; Hankinson, Simon R <HankinsonSR@state.gov>; Cornforth, Jeremy A <CornforthJA@state.gov>  
**Cc:** King, Karin M <KingKM@state.gov>; Parker, Morgan A <ParkerMA@state.gov>; McEvoy, Meredith C <McEvoyMC@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: DHS "industry day" end of February

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DHS confirmed it is scheduled for Feb 26, I will make sure that I can send the invite as idly as possible within the Department.

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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 4:43 PM  
**To:** Nantais, Joel D; Hankinson, Simon R; Cornforth, Jeremy A  
**Cc:** King, Karin M; Parker, Morgan A; McEvoy, Meredith C  
**Subject:** RE: DHS "industry day" end of February

Thanks Joel. We should let other parts of CA know about this too, since some (FPP, CST, PPT) might also want to participate.

Edward J. Ramotowski  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Consular Affairs  
Department of State

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**From:** Nantais, Joel D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 4:42 PM  
**To:** Ramotowski, Edward J; Hankinson, Simon R; Cornforth, Jeremy A  
**Cc:** King, Karin M; Parker, Morgan A; McEvoy, Meredith C; Nantais, Joel D  
**Subject:** RE: DHS "industry day" end of February

Ed,

Yes, we will follow up with USCIS as we had not heard an exact date. This had been mentioned to us several times with the promise of an invite to participate.

Joel

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**From:** Ramotowski, Edward J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 4:37 PM  
**To:** Nantais, Joel D; Hankinson, Simon R; Cornforth, Jeremy A  
**Cc:** King, Karin M  
**Subject:** DHS "industry day" end of February

In Congressional testimony and other documents, DHS has mentioned an "industry day" in which they will host the private sector to examine commercial technologies for possible use in USG vetting. Are we plugged into this at all?

Thanks,

Ed

Edward J. Ramotowski  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Consular Affairs  
Department of State

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