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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. F-2018-03781
Segments: VO-00004IC1;
VO- 0005IC1

Hugh Handeyside
American Civil Liberties Union
Foundation
125 Broad Street—18th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Dear Mr. Handeyside:

I refer to our letter dated October 29, 2019, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The processing of records is ongoing and has, thus far, yielded an additional 14 documents responsive to your request. We have determined one document may be released in full, nine documents may be released in part, and four documents must be withheld in their entirety.

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. Documents withheld in full are exempt from release pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, 6, and 7, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(3)INA, pursuant to Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1202(f), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(E). All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed.

The processing of your request is ongoing. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Elizabeth Tulis, Trial Attorney, at 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 case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan C. Weetman".

Susan C. Weetman
Deputy Director
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

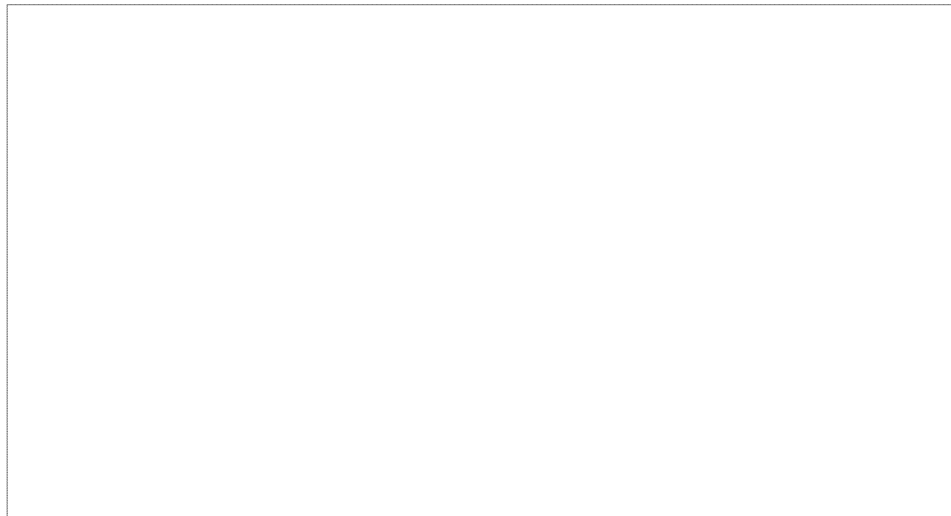
- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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From: Cortinovis, Douglas R <CortinovisDR@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 11:09 AM
To: Tu, Frank <TuF@state.gov>; Cornell, Seth A <CornellSA@state.gov>;
Chittenden, Valerie J <ChittendenVJ@state.gov>; Dolan, Daniel B
<DolanDB@state.gov>
Cc: Dolce, Michael R <DolceMR@state.gov>; Hill, Natalie M
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Subject: Social Media Pilot SOPs with Hyperlinks
Attach: Social Media Pilot SOP February 22 version.pdf

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Folks,

This doesn't have any major changes to what you've already been doing, but includes some more frequently asked questions and expanded guidance on drafting any I hope it is useful!

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Doug

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A <SnyderBA@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2016 3:37 PM
To: Dolce, Michael R <DolceMR@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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Hi Mike, understandable. [redacted]

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Thanks

Ben

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From: Dolce, Michael R
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:09 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A; Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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Hi Ben,

I would be reticent to send a fourth version of the SOPs, considering we just sent the most recent version on Friday.

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For what it's worth when we run into similar situations, there is some confusion during the first few days, but then posts will know to come to you.

Mike

From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Dolce, Michael R; Nantais, Joel D
Subject: FW: [redacted]

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Hey Mike- is there any way to [redacted]

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Thanks

Ben

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From: Parker, Morgan A
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 7:49 AM
To: Granger, Amy H; Snyder, Benjamin A
Subject: Re: [redacted]

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Agreed. Ben - Can you fix please?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Granger, Amy H
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2016 7:47 AM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A
Cc: Parker, Morgan A
Subject: Fw: [redacted]

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I guess that needs to be fixed in the instruction to posts.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Bazil, Drew D <Bazildd@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2016 6:42 AM
To: Brown, Jason F; CA-VO-SAC
Cc: Tripp, Daniel R; Dyer, Jason A
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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From: Brown, Jason F
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 3:20 PM
To: CA-VO-SAC
Cc: Tripp, Daniel R; Dyer, Jason A; Bazil, Drew D
Subject: [redacted]

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Good morning CA-VO,

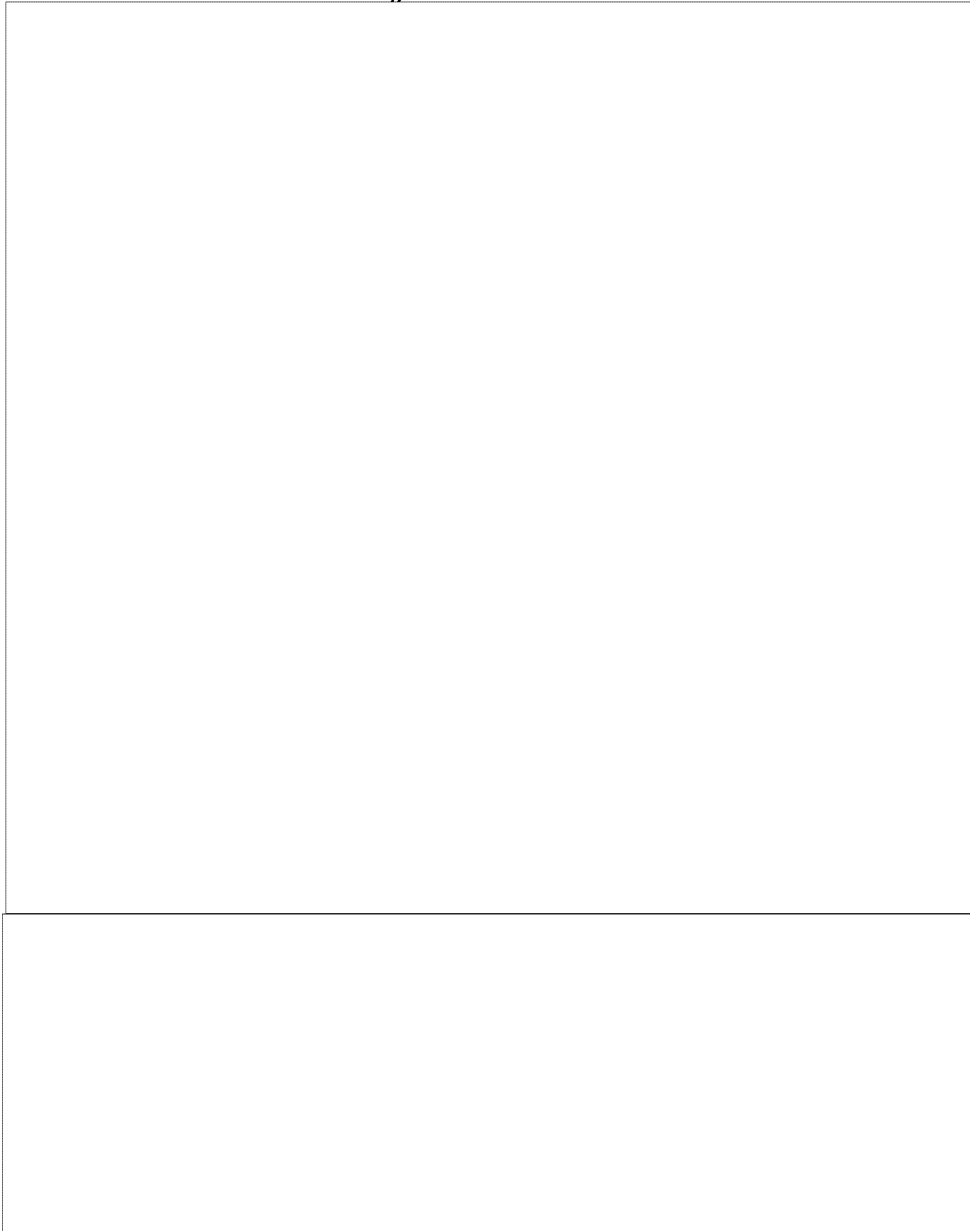
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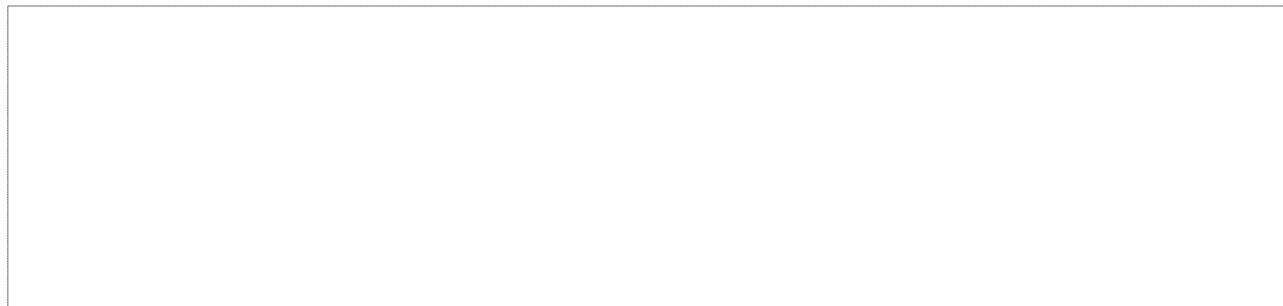
From: King, Karin M <KingKM@state.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2016 11:06 AM
To: Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>; CA-VO-Special Assistant <CA-VO-Special-Assistant@state.gov>; McEvoy, Meredith C <McEvoyMC@state.gov>; Dolce, Michael R <DolceMR@state.gov>; Parker, Morgan A <ParkerMA@state.gov>; Granger, Amy H <GrangerAH@state.gov>; Smith, Timothy W <SmithTW@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Social Media Pilot SOP w Hyperlinks (2) (2).docx

Thanks. This makes sense and I clear.

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Nantais, Joel D
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 2:24 PM
To: King, Karin M; CA-VO-Special Assistant; McEvoy, Meredith C; Dolce, Michael R; Parker, Morgan A; Granger, Amy H; Smith, Timothy W
Cc: Nantais, Joel D
Subject: RE: Social Media Pilot SOP w Hyperlinks (2) (2).docx

Karin,



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Please let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Joel

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From: King, Karin M
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 4:59 PM
To: CA-VO-Special Assistant; McEvoy, Meredith C; Nantais, Joel D; Dolce, Michael R; Parker, Christine D; Granger, Amy H
Subject: Social Media Pilot SOP w Hyperlinks (2) (2).docx

Please see some minor changes and comments.

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From: BARBARJP <BARBARJP@nctc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2016 12:18 PM
To: Snyder, Benjamin A <SnyderBA@state.gov>; Alexandru, Grigore <AlexandruG@state.gov>
Cc: Granger, Amy H <GrangerAH@state.gov>; Martz, Aaron I <MartzAI@state.gov>; Miller-Little, Catherine T <Miller-LittleCT@state.gov>; Mailander, Michael J <MailanderMJ@state.gov>; Simms, Jack F <SimmsJF@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>; Dolce, Michael R <DolceMR@state.gov>; Nickeson, Jeffrey W <NickesonJW@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Social Media [redacted]

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Submitted

From: Snyder, Benjamin A [<http://redirect.state.sbu/?url=mailto:SnyderBA@state.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:57 AM
To: BARBARJP <BARBARJP@nctc.gov>; Alexandru, Grigore <AlexandruG@state.gov>
Cc: Granger, Amy H <GrangerAH@state.gov>; Martz, Aaron I <MartzAI@state.gov>; Miller-Little, Catherine T <Miller-LittleCT@state.gov>; Mailander, Michael J <MailanderMJ@state.gov>; Simms, Jack F <SimmsJF@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>; Dolce, Michael R <DolceMR@state.gov>; Nickeson, Jeffrey W <NickesonJW@state.gov>
Subject: Social Media [redacted]

Hi Barbara/Greg,

[redacted]

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Thanks!

Ben

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A <SnyderBA@state.gov>
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To: Simms, Jack F <SimmsJF@state.gov>; Granger, Amy H <GrangerAH@state.gov>; Miller-Little, Catherine T <Miller-LittleCT@state.gov>; Martz, Aaron I <MartzAI@state.gov>; Dolce, Michael R <DolceMR@state.gov>; Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Social Media [redacted]

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Ben

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 10:44 AM
To: Alexandru, Grigore; BARBARJP
Cc: Nantais, Joel D; Dolce, Michael R; Martz, Aaron I; Miller-Little, Catherine T; Granger, Amy H; Simms, Jack F; Nickeson, Jeffrey W
Subject: Social Media [redacted]

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Hi Greg,

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Thanks

Ben

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From: Snyder, Benjamin A <SnyderBA@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2016 5:17 PM
To: Nantais, Joel D <NantaisJD@state.gov>; Smith, Timothy W <SmithTW@state.gov>
Subject: Social Media

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Joel/Tim-

Joel, if you have time tomorrow, I can show you how some of these cases are turning out.

Also-I pinged Barbara again to see if there was any update from , and will let you know what I hear.

Thanks

Ben

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From: Mauck, Taylor R
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 4:22:47 PM
To: Nantais, Joel D; Smith, Timothy W; Parker, Morgan A; Snyder, Benjamin A; Dolce, Michael R; Glazeroff, Josh; Martz, Aaron I; Hayward, Ian C; Dixon, Amanda W
Subject: Social Media Bill

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Attachments: HURDTX_024_xml (2).pdf

Here is the bill I mentioned if anyone was curious. Section 4 is the part the discusses social media.

Taylor Mauck

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