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**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

April 29, 2014

COW2014000219

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office April 04, 2014 regarding SIG Weekly Report from 2011 to 2014.

We have completed the review of all documents and have identified 53 pages that are responsive to your request. Enclosed are 45 pages released in their entirety, and 8 pages released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA.

- ❑ Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.
- ❑ Exemption (b)(7)(C) provides protection for personal information in law enforcement records, which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We have withheld information relating to third-party individuals. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld could consist of names, addresses, identification numbers, telephone numbers, fax numbers, or various other documents that are considered personal.

In accordance with Department of Homeland Security Regulations (6 C.F.R. § 5.4(a)), USCIS uses a "cut-off" date to delineate the scope of a FOIA request by treating records created after that date as not responsive to that request. Therefore, in determining which records are responsive to your request, we included only records in the possession of this agency as of 4/4/14 the date we began the search for records.

The enclosed record consists of the best reproducible copies available. Certain pages may contain marks that appear to be blacked-out information. If so, the black marks were made prior to our receipt of the file and are not information we have withheld under the provisions of the FOIA or PA.

If you wish to appeal this determination, you may write to the USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139, within 60 days of the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

The National Records Center does not process petitions, applications or any other type of benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act. If you have questions or wish to submit documentation relating to a matter pending with the bureau, you must address these issues with your nearest District Office.

All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing and be signed by the requester. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence with this office. Requests may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead, or sent by fax to (816) 350-5785. You may also submit FOIA/PA related requests to our e-mail address at uscis.foia@uscis.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill A. Eggleston", written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Jill A. Eggleston
Director, FOIA Operations

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellissime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holzer, James; Jacobs, Gilbert L; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; Legomsky, Stephen H; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Raines, Jacob A; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Baugher, Jeffery T
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report September 26 - October 23, 2013
Attachments: COW2013000831 Request.pdf; COW2013000737 Request.pdf; COW2013000740 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On September 27, 2013, **Joel Millman**, a reporter with **The Wall Street Journal** in Portland, Oregon, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the total number of asylum applications granted by category and nationality from fiscal years 2001 through 2013. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000740)
- On October 14, 2013, **Maria Ines Zamudio**, a reporter with **The Chicago Reporter** in Chicago, Illinois, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) statistics pertaining to the N-400 application from 2008 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000831)

2. Individuals –

- On September 25, 2013, **Peter Themelis**, an individual in Nottingham, Maryland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all e-mails between Kathleen Hochman of USCIS and Chris Greco of the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) regarding the detail of [REDACTED] to NPPD from July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000737)

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3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 11:24 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellisime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holzer, James; Jacobs, Gilbert L; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; Legomsky, Stephen H; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Raines, Jacob A; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Baugher, Jeffery T
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report October 24- 30, 2013

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 11:34 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report October 31- November 6, 2013
Attachments: COW2013000861 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On October 18, 2013, **David Iaconangelo**, a journalist with the **Latin Times** in New York, New York, requested from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) statistics pertaining to T visas for Nonimmigrant Status for the New York City District from fiscal year (FY) 2010 through FY 2013. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000861)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On November 1, 2013, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Robert Deasy**, a director with **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, 2,321 pages of records consisting of e-mails and memorandum pertaining to the following information: (1) USCIS policy on the adjudication of applications for advance parole (Forms 1-131) and the issuance of advance parole documents for individuals with pending adjustment of status applications (Forms 1-485); and (2) USCIS policy on the treatment and adjudication of applications for adjustment of status. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000229)
[Click here to view](#)

- On November 6, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Pat Mullins**, Chairman with the **Republican Party of Virginia** in Richmond, Virginia, 23 pages of records consisting of e-mail correspondence and documents pertaining to Green Tech Automotive and Gulf Coast Funds Management. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000559) [Click here to view](#)
- On November 6, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Ian Mandel**, an individual in Hoboken, New Jersey, 93 pages of records consisting of e-mails and documents pertaining to Green Tech Automotive and Gulf Coast Funds Management. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000561) [Click here to view](#)

IV. **Lawsuits**

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 1:55 PM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report November 7- 13, 2013

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On November 7, 2013 the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Peter Joseph**, an executive director with the **Association to Invest in the USA (IIUSA)** in Chicago, Illinois, 2458 pages of records consisting of e-mail correspondence pertaining to the EB-5 program. Portions of this release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000278) [Click here to view](#)
- On November 7, 2013, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Kenric Ward**, a journalist with **Watchdog.org** in Locust Grove, Virginia, 913 pages of records consisting of EB-5 application documents for the Virginia Center for Foreign Investment and Job Creation. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 4 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000275) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 2:34 PM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellissime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembora A; Gregory, Peter D; Holzer, James; Jacobs, Gilbert L; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; Legomsky, Stephen H; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Raines, Jacob A; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Baugher, Jeffery T
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report November 14- 20, 2013
Attachments: COW2013000886 Request.pdf; COW2013000889 Request.pdf; COW2013000890 Request.pdf; COW2013000892 Request.pdf; COW2013000898 Request.pdf; COW2013000896 Request.pdf; COW2013000913 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On November 4, 2013, **Matt Smith**, a reporter with **The Center for Investigative Reporting** in Berkeley, California, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all guidance and documents regarding H-1B and the Benefits Fraud Assessment Report. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000890)
- On November 6, 2013, **Jason Smathers**, a representative with **MuckRock News** in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all records concerning the hiring of employees who have been convicted of a criminal offense or arrested. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000889)
- On November 12, 2013, **HB Cho**, a reporter with the **Korea Daily Newspaper** in Duluth, Georgia, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all available documents related to [REDACTED] and his immediate family. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000913)

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2. Individuals –

- On November 7, 2013, **Thomas Jones**, an individual in Edgewater, Maryland, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) correspondence from and to Congressman William Cassidy pertaining to the following: (1) legislation or regulations; (2) recommendations for executive branch positions; and (3) federal funding for programs. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000892)

3. Organizations –

- On November 1, 2013, **Michelle Cohen**, a representative with **Project Vote** in Washington, DC, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all records pertaining to use of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system for elections, registration of voters, and maintenance of voter registration lists from February 11, 2013 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000898)
- On November 4, 2013, **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) all records relating to the June 3, 2013 memorandum from the Fraud Detection and National Security directorate (FDNS) concerning revised H-1B Anti-Fraud Operational Guidance. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000896)
- On November 7, 2013, **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) statistics concerning L-1B petitions for the California Service Center and Vermont Service Center for fiscal years 2012 and 2013. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000886)

4. **Multiple Items Requested –**

- N/A

5. **Requests for Congressional Correspondence –**

- N/A

III. **FOIA Releases**

- N/A

IV. **Lawsuits**

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 11:11 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellisime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holzer, James; 'Jacobs, Gilbert L'; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; Legomsky, Stephen H; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Raines, Jacob A; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Baugher, Jeffery T; Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report November 21- December 4, 2013
Attachments: COW2013000925 Request.pdf; COW2013000941 Request.pdf; COW2013000944 Request.pdf; COW2013000946 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

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1. Media Requesters –

- On November 16, 2013, **James Meek**, a journalist with *ABC News* in Washington, DC, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the following individuals: (1) [REDACTED] (Case Number USCIS COW2013000925); and (2) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Case Number USCIS COW2013000941)
- On November 25, 2013, **Jordana Gustafson**, a reporter with *Oregon Public Broadcasting* in Portland, Oregon, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) immigration documents pertaining to [REDACTED] (Case Number USCIS COW2013000946)
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- On November 27, 2013, **Eliot Brown**, a reporter with the *Wall Street Journal* in New York, New York, requested from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) EB-5 application documents pertaining to Related Cos. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000944)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On November 25, 2013, the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Marinka Peschmann**, a freelance journalist in Ontario, Canada, 61 pages of records consisting of e-mails and documents pertaining to Gulf Coast Funds Management from January 1, 2009 to the present. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000573) [Click here to view](#)
- On November 25, 2013, the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Kenric Ward**, a journalist with *Watchdog.org* in Alexandria Virginia, 45 pages of records consisting of e-mail correspondence and documents pertaining to GreenTech Automotive and Gulf Coast Funds Management. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4, 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000270) [Click here to view](#)
- On November 29, 2013, the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jill Replogle**, a journalist with *KPBS* in San Diego, California, 61 pages of records consisting of e-mails and a copy of the draft testimony prepared by Joseph Langlois for the Subcommittee on National Security of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number USCIS NRC2013097522) [Click here to view](#)
- On December 4, 2013, the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Joel Millman**, a reporter with *The Wall Street Journal* in Portland, Oregon, 3 pages of records and an Excel workbook consisting of data pertaining to the total number of asylum applications granted by category and nationality between fiscal year 2001 through 2013. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000740) [Click here to view](#)
- On December 4, 2013, the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Daniel Gilligan**, an individual in Raleigh, North Carolina, 15 pages of records consisting of correspondence pertaining to Congressman Mark Schauer. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000936) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 7:11 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellisime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holzer, James; Jacobs, Gilbert L; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; Legomsky, Stephen H; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Raines, Jacob A; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Baugher, Jeffery T
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report December 5- 11, 2013

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On December 6, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jack Gillum**, a reporter with the *Associated Press* in Washington, DC, 57 pages of records consisting of e-mails sent to or from USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas in which any of the following phrases are in the message: Rodham, Simone Williams, Molasky Group, or Alexandra Haskell. Portions of the

release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 4 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000574.) [Click here to view](#)

- On December 10, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **David Iaconangelo**, a journalist with the *Latin Times* in Brooklyn, New York, one page of records consisting of statistics pertaining to T visas. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000861.) [Click here to view](#)
- (b)(6)
- On December 11, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **James Meek**, an investigative producer with *ABC News* in Washington, DC, seven pages of records consisting of Alien File documents pertaining to [REDACTED] Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000941.) [Click here to view](#)
- On December 12, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Brendan Fischer**, a researcher with *The Center for Media and Democracy* in Madison, Wisconsin, 1881 pages of records consisting of emails, charts and memoranda pertaining to SAVE program monitoring, compliance and review. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 4, 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000501.) [Click here to view](#)
- On December 12, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Michelle Cohen**, Election Counsel with *Project Vote* in Washington, DC, 100 pages of records consisting of memoranda and other documents pertaining to use of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system for elections, registration of voters, and maintenance of voter registration lists. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000898.) [Click here to view](#)
- On December 12, 2013 the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Robert Deasy**, Director of Liaison and Information with the *American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)* in Washington, DC, 1643 pages of records consisting of emails and documents pertaining to USCIS standard operating procedures and policies on the adjudication of Form I-601A. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2013000628.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 4:31 PM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellisime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holzer, James; 'Jacobs, Gilbert L'; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; 'Legomsky, Stephen H'; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Raines, Jacob A; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Baugher, Jeffery T; Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report December 12-18, 2013
Attachments: COW2013000967 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On December 11, 2013, **Michael Volpe**, a freelance reporter with **DailyCaller.com** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) the number of L1 visas approved for Client Network Services Incorporated (CNSI) for the past five years. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000967)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On December 12, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Brendan Fischer**, a researcher with **The Center for Media and Democracy** in Madison, Wisconsin, 1881 pages

of records consisting of emails, charts and memoranda pertaining to SAVE program monitoring, compliance and review. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 4, 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000501.) [Click here to view](#)

- On December 12, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Michelle Cohen**, Election Counsel with *Project Vote* in Washington, DC, 100 pages of records consisting of memoranda and other documents pertaining to use of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system for elections, registration of voters, and maintenance of voter registration lists. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000898.) [Click here to view](#)
- On December 12, 2013 the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Robert Deasy**, Director of Liaison and Information with the *American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)* in Washington, DC, 1643 pages of records consisting of emails and documents pertaining to USCIS standard operating procedures and policies on the adjudication of Form I-601A. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5, 6, and 7(E). (Case Number USCIS COW2013000628.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 10:34 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellisime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holzer, James; 'Jacobs, Gilbert L'; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; 'Legomsky, Stephen H'; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Raines, Jacob A; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Baugher, Jeffery T; Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report December 19-31, 2013
Attachments: COW2013000991 Request.pdf; COW2013001009 Request.pdf; COW2013000976 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On November 26, 2013, **Rich Lord**, a staff writer with the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) budgets and other documents pertaining to the compensation of confidential informants, whistleblowers and other cooperative non-employees. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000976.)
- On December 13, 2013, **Joe Tanfani**, a reporter with the *Los Angeles Times* and *Chicago Tribune* in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) correspondence between USCIS and all members of Congress concerning the EB5 program from January 1, 2010 through the present. (Case USCIS COW2013000991.)
- On December 23, 2013, **Robert Delaware**, a representative with *MuckRock News* in Boston, Massachusetts, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) documents pertaining to Lana Peters (deceased), the daughter of Josef Stalin. (Case Number USCIS COW2013001009.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

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Attachments: COW2014000012.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On December 31, 2013, **Dan Levine**, a Legal Correspondent with *Reuters News* in San Francisco, California, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to petitions for U Nonimmigrant status (I-918 form), including the geographic location where each form originated since 2009. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000012.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

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I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

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2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

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I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

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2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

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III. FOIA Releases

- On January 24, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jordana Gustafson**, a reporter with *Oregon Public Broadcasting* in Portland, Oregon, 137 pages of records consisting of Alien File material pertaining to [REDACTED]. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000946.) [Click here to view](#)
- On January 24, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Antonio Revilla**, Co-Director with **American Immigration Lawyers Association** in Miami, Florida, three pages of records consisting of statistics pertaining to “S” immigrant and nonimmigrant

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:29 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report January 30 - February 5, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000075 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On January 24, 2014, **Joel Millman**, a reporter with *The Wall Street Journal* in Portland, Oregon, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Petitions for Alien Relatives (Form I-130) for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2014. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000075.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 11:14 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report February 6 - 12, 2014

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On February 7, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, one page of records consisting of statistical data pertaining to L-1B petitions for the California Service Center and Vermont Service Center for fiscal years 2012 through 2013. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000886.) [Click here to view](#)
- On February 11, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, 117 pages of records consisting of e-mails and other documents pertaining to the June 3, 2013 memorandum from the Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS) Directorate on Revised H-1B Anti-Fraud Operational Guidance. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000896.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 10:57 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report February 13 - 19, 2014

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On February 18, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jessica Schieder**, a fiscal policy associate with the **Center for Effective Government** in Washington, DC, 85 pages of records consisting of e-mails and other documents pertaining to (1) the impact of sequestration for fiscal year 2013; (2) anticipated impact of sequestration and/or other deeper potential cuts for fiscal year 2014; and (3) fiscal year 2013 operating plans that detail sequestration's impact and subsequent use of reprogramming authority to mitigate impact. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000735.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 10:58 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report February 20-26, 2014
Attachments: NRC2014015654 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On January 23, 2014, **Tarmo Vahter**, a journalist with *Eesti Ajalehed* in Estonia, Europe, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Henrik Visnapuu (deceased). (Case Number USCIS NRC2014015654.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On February 26, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, 641 pages of records consisting of e-mails and memos pertaining to the December 6, 2012 DHS Office of the General Counsel (OGC) opinion concerning the application and interpretation of false claim to United States citizenship as a ground of inadmissibility under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) §212(a)(6)(C)(ii). Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000865.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 2:11 PM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report February 27 - March 5, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000125 Request.pdf; COW2014000138 Request.pdf; COW2014000139 Request.pdf; COW20140000145 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On January 8, 2014, **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all template letters used to deny L-1B nonimmigrant petitions by the California Service Center during fiscal years 2006-2014. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000138.)
- On February 18, 2014, **Trina Realmuto**, a researcher with the **National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG)** in Boston, Massachusetts, and **Sarah Mehta**, a researcher with the **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to reinstatement of prior orders of removal from 2008 through 2013. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000125.)
- On February 20, 2014, **Paul Lewis**, a writer with **The Guardian** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) correspondence between eleven named United States lawmakers and USCIS from January 1, 2009 through February 14, 2014. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000139.)
- On February 26, 2014, **Scott Dance**, a reporter with **The Baltimore Sun**, in Baltimore Maryland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to approval notices for H1-B visas for employment in the state of Maryland in 2013. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000145.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Andoh, Roger D
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 1:20 PM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Andoh, Roger D; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellisime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Carpenter, Dea D; Cheeks, Jessica; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holt, Cynthia L; Holzer, James; Jaynes, Thomas A; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Stimac, Melissa L; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly Report March 6 - 12, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000160 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On March 6, 2014, **Laura Wides-Munoz**, a reporter with the *Associated Press* in Miami, Florida, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS) investigations of H-1B non-immigrant approved petitions from 2011 through 2014. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000160.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Andoh, Roger D
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 11:47 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Andoh, Roger D; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellissime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Carpenter, Dea D; Cheeks, Jessica; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembora A; Gregory, Peter D; Holt, Cynthia L; Holzer, James; Jaynes, Thomas A; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Stimac, Melissa L; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J
Subject: RE: USCIS Weekly Report March 13 - 19, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000170 Request.pdf; COW2014000171 Request.pdf; COW2014000186 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On March 3, 2014, **Jonathan Raz**, a staff editor with *Cardozo Law Review* in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the following information: (1) policies and procedures related to the termination of asylum; and (2) notices of intent to terminate asylum. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000186.)
- March 5, 2014, **Emily Parkhurst**, a reporter with the *Puget Sound Business Journal* in Seattle, WA, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to USCIS L-1 compliance site visits at businesses located in the state of Washington from January 1, 2013 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000171.)
- On March 11, 2014, **Vriti Jain**, a representative with the **Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC)** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records of correspondence pertaining to Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS) regarding EB-5 visas. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000170.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Cheeks, Jessica

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 10:02 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report March 20 - 26, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000187 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- On February 4, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released a revised Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, providing USCIS with additional tools to make important eligibility determinations, present customers with clearer instructions, and incorporate technology that improves efficiency and accuracy for both USCIS and our customers. Although the form is now revised, the eligibility requirements for naturalization have not changed. For information on the requirements, see A Guide to Naturalization.

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On March 12, 2014, **Marty Jones**, an editor with **Fortune Magazine** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a copy of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) memo from March, 2002 by Senior Special Agent Elizabeth M. Goyer concerning problems with the EB-5 program. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000187.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On March 20, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Luke Rosiak**, a reporter with *The Washington Examiner* in Washington, DC, 23 pages of records consisting of letters of correspondence from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to the following members of Congress: (1) Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX); (2) Representative Candice Miller (R-MI); (3) Representative Peter King (R-NY); (4) Representative Patrick Meehan (R-PA); (5)

Representative Susan Brooks (R-IN); (6) Representative Jeffrey Duncan (R-SC); and (7) Representative Richard Hudson (R-NC). Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000159.) [Click here to view](#)

- On March 21, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Paul Lewis**, a correspondent with *The Guardian* in Washington, DC, 42 pages of records consisting of correspondence between USCIS and the following members of Congress: (1) Representative Joe Garcia (D-FL); (2) Representative Ed Royce (R-CA); (3) Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL); (4) Representative Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV); (5) Representative Eliot Engel (D-NY); (6) Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL); (7) Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL); (8) Representative Connie Mack (R-FL); (9) Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO); and (10) Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ). Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000139.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. USCIS*, (CA-11-1971 D.D.C.), plaintiff filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking documents related to USCIS policy and procedures re: the role of private counsel for aliens in USCIS interviews and other interactions with USCIS. Plaintiffs filed suit on November 8, 2011, claiming failure of USCIS to timely respond to the AIC's FOIA request.
- In the matter of *Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) v. DHS, ICE, USCIS* (12-04825) plaintiff filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking records related to USCIS's exercise of prosecutorial discretion, e.g. issuance of NTA's, DACA and parole determinations. Plaintiff filed suit on Sept. 12, 2012, claiming injunctive action for a dilatory FOIA response.
- In the matter of *Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) v. DHS, USCIS* (et al. 1:12-cv-09692) plaintiff filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking records related to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) use of a statutory bar to asylees, codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(3)(B)(vi)(III), INA § 212(a)(3)(B)(vi)(III). Plaintiff filed suit on December 5, 2012, claiming injunctive action for a dilatory FOIA response and challenging the USCIS determination to deny a fee waiver and media representative status.

From: Andoh, Roger D
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:06 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Andoh, Roger D; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellissime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Carpenter, Dea D; Cheeks, Jessica; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holt, Cynthia L; Holzer, James; Jaynes, Thomas A; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Stimac, Melissa L; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J
Subject: RE: USCIS Weekly Report March 27 - April 2, 2014

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- On March 14, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) received the final H-2B worker petitions requesting an employment start date before April 1, 2014. USCIS received a sufficient number of H-2B petitions to reach the congressionally mandated cap for the first half of fiscal year 2014.

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On April 2, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Martha Mendoza**, a reporter with the *Associated Press* in Santa Cruz, California, 29 pages of records consisting of e-mails and reports pertaining to the following information: (1) aggregate annual totals of cyber or online vulnerabilities that have been reported; on what systems, and how many of those were tracked; (2) denial of service attacks by date and site of attack; (3) aggregate annual totals of online breaches and on which systems; (4) details of all online breaches, including name of attacker if available; (5) aggregate annual total of how many social security numbers have been lost through breaches; (6) aggregate annual total of how many employees passwords have been compromised; (7) aggregate annual total of how many computers have had to be replaced due to infection; (8) aggregate annual total of how many times the agency ordered the replacement of infected programmable logic controllers; (9) all copies of all warnings about existing threats sent to employees; (10) annual total cyber security budget; (11) current and past contracts awarded for cyber security; (12) communications with Google, Apple, Facebook, and Twitter about cyber security and hacking; (13) copies of closed investigations into cyber attacks; and (14) documents related to purchase of remote access software, IMSI catchers or silent text technology. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013001005.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

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- In the matter of *Jing Hu v. USCIS* (3:13-cv-30198-MAP), plaintiff filed a Freedom of Information Act request on June 20, 2013, seeking records related to the following information: (1) all records related to the person of [REDACTED] particularly including records created by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) officer [REDACTED] and any other USCIS employee; and (2) all records that were maintained by any USCIS employee, including but not limited to [REDACTED] that relate to communications between USCIS and the following people: (a) [REDACTED] (b) [REDACTED] (c) [REDACTED] (ICE Special Agent); (d) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c) [REDACTED] (e) [REDACTED] (Attorney), (f) [REDACTED] (Attorney); and (g) [REDACTED] (Attorney). Plaintiff filed suit on November 22, 2013, claiming constructive denial. On March 31, 2014, USCIS released its first supplemental release consisting of 430 pages of e-mails, screen prints, and memoranda.

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From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 10:03 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellisime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holzer, James; 'Jacobs, Gilbert L'; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; 'Legomsky, Stephen H'; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Raines, Jacob A; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J; Baugher, Jeffery T; Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report January 2 - 8, 2014

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

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I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

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2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

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Attachments: COW2014000037 Request.pdf; COW2014000036 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

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2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 10:45 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report January 23 - 29, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000063 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

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2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

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III. FOIA Releases

- On January 24, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jordana Gustafson**, a reporter with *Oregon Public Broadcasting* in Portland, Oregon, 137 pages of records consisting of Alien File material pertaining to [REDACTED] Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000946.) [Click here to view](#)
- On January 24, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Antonio Revilla**, Co-Director with **American Immigration Lawyers Association** in Miami, Florida, three pages of records consisting of statistics pertaining to “S” immigrant and nonimmigrant

applications since 2007. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000655.)
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IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:29 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report January 30 - February 5, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000075 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On January 24, 2014, **Joel Millman**, a reporter with *The Wall Street Journal* in Portland, Oregon, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Petitions for Alien Relatives (Form I-130) for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2014. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000075.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 11:14 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report February 6 - 12, 2014

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On February 7, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, one page of records consisting of statistical data pertaining to L-1B petitions for the California Service Center and Vermont Service Center for fiscal years 2012 through 2013. These records were released in full. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000886.) [Click here to view](#)
- On February 11, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, 117 pages of records consisting of e-mails and other documents pertaining to the June 3, 2013 memorandum from the Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS) Directorate on Revised H-1B Anti-Fraud Operational Guidance. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 3, 5, and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000896.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 10:57 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report February 13 - 19, 2014

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On February 18, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Jessica Schieder**, a fiscal policy associate with the **Center for Effective Government** in Washington, DC, 85 pages of records consisting of e-mails and other documents pertaining to (1) the impact of sequestration for fiscal year 2013; (2) anticipated impact of sequestration and/or other deeper potential cuts for fiscal year 2014; and (3) fiscal year 2013 operating plans that detail sequestration's impact and subsequent use of reprogramming authority to mitigate impact. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000735.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 10:58 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report February 20-26, 2014
Attachments: NRC2014015654 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On January 23, 2014, **Tarmo Vahter**, a journalist with *Eesti Ajalehed* in Estonia, Europe, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Henrik Visnapuu (deceased). (Case Number USCIS NRC2014015654.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On February 26, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, 641 pages of records consisting of e-mails and memos pertaining to the December 6, 2012 DHS Office of the General Counsel (OGC) opinion concerning the application and interpretation of false claim to United States citizenship as a ground of inadmissibility under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) §212(a)(6)(C)(ii). Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013000865.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 2:11 PM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report February 27 - March 5, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000125 Request.pdf; COW2014000138 Request.pdf; COW2014000139 Request.pdf; COW20140000145 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On January 8, 2014, **Robert Deasy**, a director with the **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) copies of all template letters used to deny L-1B nonimmigrant petitions by the California Service Center during fiscal years 2006-2014. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000138.)
- On February 18, 2014, **Trina Realmuto**, a researcher with the **National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG)** in Boston, Massachusetts, and **Sarah Mehta**, a researcher with the **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to reinstatement of prior orders of removal from 2008 through 2013. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000125.)
- On February 20, 2014, **Paul Lewis**, a writer with **The Guardian** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) correspondence between eleven named United States lawmakers and USCIS from January 1, 2009 through February 14, 2014. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000139.)
- On February 26, 2014, **Scott Dance**, a reporter with **The Baltimore Sun**, in Baltimore Maryland, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to approval notices for H1-B visas for employment in the state of Maryland in 2013. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000145.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

From: Andoh, Roger D
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 1:20 PM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Andoh, Roger D; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellissime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Carpenter, Dea D; Cheeks, Jessica; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holt, Cynthia L; Holzer, James; Jaynes, Thomas A; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Stimac, Melissa L; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly Report March 6 - 12, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000160 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On March 6, 2014, **Laura Wides-Munoz**, a reporter with the *Associated Press* in Miami, Florida, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS) investigations of H-1B non-immigrant approved petitions from 2011 through 2014. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000160.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

From: Andoh, Roger D
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 11:47 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Andoh, Roger D; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellissime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Carpenter, Dea D; Cheeks, Jessica; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holt, Cynthia L; Holzer, James; Jaynes, Thomas A; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Stimac, Melissa L; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J
Subject: RE: USCIS Weekly Report March 13 - 19, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000170 Request.pdf; COW2014000171 Request.pdf; COW2014000186 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- N/A

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On March 3, 2014, **Jonathan Raz**, a staff editor with *Cardozo Law Review* in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to the following information: (1) policies and procedures related to the termination of asylum; and (2) notices of intent to terminate asylum. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000186.)
- March 5, 2014, **Emily Parkhurst**, a reporter with the *Puget Sound Business Journal* in Seattle, WA, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records pertaining to USCIS L-1 compliance site visits at businesses located in the state of Washington from January 1, 2013 through the present. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000171.)
- On March 11, 2014, **Vriti Jain**, a representative with the **Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC)** in Washington, DC, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records of correspondence pertaining to Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS) regarding EB-5 visas. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000170.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- N/A

IV. Lawsuits

- N/A

Umoru, Victoria E

From: Andoh, Roger D
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:06 AM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Andoh, Roger D; Atkinson, Ronald A; Austin, Deon T; Bellissime, Tracy A; Bentley, Christopher S; Bird, Rose M; Caraballo, Felix R; Carpenter, Dea D; Cheeks, Jessica; Cioppa, Thomas M; Contaldi, Kerry T; Cornell, Cynthia M; Correa, Soraya; Duggan, Amber R; Eggleston, Jill A; Garner, David C; Greenwood, Tembra A; Gregory, Peter D; Holt, Cynthia L; Holzer, James; Jaynes, Thomas A; Jones, Rendell L; Kendall, Sarah M; Knepper, Tom M; Langlois, Joseph E; McCament, James W; Meckley, Tammy M; Melero, Mariela; Monica, Donald J; Neufeld, Donald W; Parisi, Thomas M; Rhew, Perry J; Roles, Rebecca J; Ross, Tiffany I; Schuley, Phillip H; Schwartz, Mark A; Scialabba, Lori L; Sloan, Terry G; Stanley, Kathleen M; Stimac, Melissa L; Umoru, Victoria E; USCIS Exec Sec; Welsh, Brian J; Zaragoza, Conrad J
Subject: RE: USCIS Weekly Report March 27 - April 2, 2014

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- On March 14, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) received the final H-2B worker petitions requesting an employment start date before April 1, 2014. USCIS received a sufficient number of H-2B petitions to reach the congressionally mandated cap for the first half of fiscal year 2014.

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- N/A

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On April 2, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Martha Mendoza**, a reporter with the *Associated Press* in Santa Cruz, California, 29 pages of records consisting of e-mails and reports pertaining to the following information: (1) aggregate annual totals of cyber or online vulnerabilities that have been reported; on what systems, and how many of those were tracked; (2) denial of service attacks by date and site of attack; (3) aggregate annuals totals of online breaches and on which systems; (4) details of all online breaches, including name of attacker if available; (5) aggregate annual total of how many social security numbers have been lost through breaches; (6) aggregate annual total of how many employees passwords have been compromised; (7) aggregate annual total of how many computers have had to be replaced due to infection; (8) aggregate annual total of how many times the agency ordered the replacement of infected programmable logic controllers; (9) all copies of all warnings about existing threats sent to employees; (10) annual total cyber security budget; (11) current and past contracts awarded for cyber security; (12) communications with Google, Apple, Facebook, and Twitter bout cyber security and hacking; (13) copies of closed investigations into cyber attacks; and (14) documents related to purchase of remote access software, IMSI catchers or silent text technology. Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2013001005.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- In the matter of *Jing Hu v. USCIS* (3:13-cv-30198-MAP), plaintiff filed a Freedom of Information Act request on June 20, 2013, seeking records related to the following information: (1) all records related to the person of [REDACTED] particularly including records created by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office [REDACTED] and any other USCIS employee; and (2) all records that were maintained by any USCIS employee, including but not limited to [REDACTED] that relate to communications between USCIS and the following people: (a) [REDACTED]; (b) [REDACTED] FBI Agent); (c) [REDACTED] (ICE Special Agent); (d) [REDACTED]; (e) [REDACTED] Attorney); (f) [REDACTED] Attorney); and (g) [REDACTED] (Attorney). Plaintiff filed suit on November 22, 2013, claiming constructive denial. On March 31, 2014, USCIS released its first supplemental release consisting of 430 pages of e-mails, screen prints, and memoranda.

Umoru, Victoria E

From: Cheeks, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 10:02 AM
To: Andoh, Roger D
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report March 20 - 26, 2014
Attachments: COW2014000187 Request.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency –

- On February 4, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released a revised Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, providing USCIS with additional tools to make important eligibility determinations, present customers with clearer instructions, and incorporate technology that improves efficiency and accuracy for both USCIS and our customers. Although the form is now revised, the eligibility requirements for naturalization have not changed. For information on the requirements, see A Guide to Naturalization.

II. FOIA requests

1. Media Requesters –

- On March 12, 2014, **Marty Jones**, an editor with **Fortune Magazine** in New York, New York, requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) a copy of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) memo from March, 2002 by Senior Special Agent Elizabeth M. Goyer concerning problems with the EB-5 program. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000187.)

2. Individuals –

- N/A

3. Organizations –

- N/A

4. Multiple Items Requested –

- N/A

5. Requests for Congressional Correspondence –

- N/A

III. FOIA Releases

- On March 20, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Luke Rosiak**, a reporter with **The Washington Examiner** in Washington, DC, 23 pages of records consisting of letters of correspondence from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to the following members of Congress: (1) Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX); (2) Representative Candice Miller (R-MI); (3) Representative Peter King (R-NY); (4) Representative Patrick Meehan (R-PA); (5)

Representative Susan Brooks (R-IN); (6) Representative Jeffrey Duncan (R-SC); and (7) Representative Richard Hudson (R-NC). Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000159.) [Click here to view](#)

- On March 21, 2014, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released to **Paul Lewis**, a correspondent with *The Guardian* in Washington, DC, 42 pages of records consisting of correspondence between USCIS and the following members of Congress: (1) Representative Joe Garcia (D-FL); (2) Representative Ed Royce (R-CA); (3) Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL); (4) Representative Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV); (5) Representative Eliot Engel (D-NY); (6) Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL); (7) Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL); (8) Representative Connie Mack (R-FL); (9) Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO); and (10) Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ). Portions of the release are withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6. (Case Number USCIS COW2014000139.) [Click here to view](#)

IV. Lawsuits

- In the matter of *American Immigration Council v. USCIS*, (CA-11-1971 D.D.C.), plaintiff filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking documents related to USCIS policy and procedures re: the role of private counsel for aliens in USCIS interviews and other interactions with USCIS. Plaintiffs filed suit on November 8, 2011, claiming failure of USCIS to timely respond to the AIC's FOIA request.
- In the matter of *Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) v DHS, ICE, USCIS* (12-04825) plaintiff filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking records related to USCIS's exercise of prosecutorial discretion, e.g. issuance of NTA's, DACA and parole determinations. Plaintiff filed suit on Sept. 12, 2012, claiming injunctive action for a dilatory FOIA response.
- In the matter of *Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) v. DHS, USCIS* (et al. 1:12-cv-09692) plaintiff filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking records related to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) use of a statutory bar to asylees, codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(3)(B)(vi)(III), INA § 212(a)(3)(B)(vi)(III). Plaintiff filed suit on December 5, 2012, claiming injunctive action for a dilatory FOIA response and challenging the USCIS determination to deny a fee waiver and media representative status.