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December 12, 2019

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Case Number: 2019-TSFO-00468

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 10, 2019, addressed to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) FOIA Branch seeking access to “a copy of each email in the email account of Terri Miller, TSA FOIA Officer, during the time period April 22, 2019 through the present, that contains the word CREW.”

The processing of your request identified certain records that will be released to you. Portions not released are being withheld pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. Please refer to the Applicable Exemptions list at the end of this letter that identifies the authority for withholding the exempt record, which is indicated by a mark appearing in the block next to the exemption. An additional enclosure with this letter explains these exemptions in more detail.

The rules and regulations of the Transportation Security Administration applicable to Freedom of Information Act requests are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 6, Part 5. They are published in the Federal Register and are available for inspection by the public.

Fees

There are no fees associated with processing this request because the fees incurred do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge.

Administrative Appeal

Should you decide to file an appeal, it should be mailed to:

Christine Griggs
FOIA Appeals Officer
Office of Civil Rights & Liberties, Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement (CRL/OTE)
Transportation Security Administration
701 South 12th Street, West Building, TSA-33
Arlington, VA 20598-6033

Your appeal **must be submitted within 90 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal." Please note that the TSA FOIA Appeals Officer's determination of the appeal will be administratively final.

Additionally, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5796.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Branch at 1-866-364-2872 or 1-571-227-2300.

Sincerely,



Teri M. Miller
FOIA Officer

Summary:

Number of Pages Released in Part or in Full: **37**

Number of Pages Withheld in Full: **0**

Number of Pages Referred: **0**

APPLICABLE EXEMPTIONS
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND/OR PRIVACY ACT

Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552)

☐ (b)(1) ☒ (b)(2) ☐ (b)(3) ☐ (b)(4) ☒ (b)(5) ☒ (b)(6)

☐ (b)(7)(A) ☐ (b)(7)(B) ☐ (b)(7)(C) ☐ (b)(7)(D) ☐ (b)(7)(E) ☐ (b)(7)(F)

Enclosures

From: Miller, Teri
Sent: 29 Apr 2019 20:17:54 +0000
To: Kletzly, Katrina
Cc: Callahan, Kerry;Teri Miller
Subject: RE: CREW FOIA request - TSA Certification of Identity form

Katrina,

Thank you so much for the guidance. I will reach out to Amy and Jimmy tomorrow to let them know that we will not abandon the use of our form. However, we will suggest its use to the requester rather than require it. Further, we'll make the other changes to the website and form letters which we discussed on Friday.

We've been in contact with the folks in PA and they're ready to make the edits to our website. They're just waiting for us to give them the go.

Again, many thanks and have a good evening.

Teri

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From: Kletzly, Katrina <(b)(6)>
Date: Monday, Apr 29, 2019, 3:59 PM
To: Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>
Cc: Callahan, Kerry <(b)(6)>, Smith, Rorey <(b)(6)>, Tuculescu, Roxana <(b)(6)>, Janet, Kevin <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CREW FOIA request - TSA Certification of Identity form

Hi Teri,

To follow up on our conversation last week on TSA's Certification of Identity form, the information TSA collects on the form sent to FOIA requesters is both required by the DHS Privacy Act regulations, found at 6 CFR Part 5, Subpart B, and permissible under the Privacy Act.

(b)(5)

Specifically, 5 CFR 5.21(d) states:

(d) Verification of identity. When you make a request for access to records about yourself, you must verify your identity. *You must state* your full name, current address, and date and place of birth. *You must sign* your request and your signature *must either* be notarized or submitted by you under 28 U.S.C. 1746, a law that permits statements to be made under penalty of perjury as a substitute for notarization. While no specific form is required, you may obtain forms for this purpose from the Departmental Disclosure Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528. In order to help the identification and location of requested records, you may also, at your option, include your social security number. (emphasis added)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Individual submitting a request under the Privacy Act of 1974 must be either “a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence,” pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(a)(2). Requests will be processed as Freedom of Information Act requests pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552, rather than Privacy Act requests, for individuals who are not United States citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

While practically speaking, I don’t think (b)(5)

(b)(5)

As a policy matter I

(b)(5)

<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/dhs-privacy-policy-guidance-memorandum-2017-01>. The guidance doesn’t change the FOIA analysis; anyone regardless of citizenship can receive TSA records not exempt under the FOIA.

Finally, I’m sure Kerry is already on it, but like we discussed also remember to update the FOIA page on tsa.gov to reflect what is required to make a FOIA/PA request like we discussed.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Katrina Kletzly
Senior Counsel
Chief Counsel’s office
Transportation Security Administration

412-375-(b)(6) desk)

(b)(6) (cell)

This communication might contain communications between attorney and client, communications that are part of the agency deliberative process, or attorney-work product, all of which are privileged and not subject to disclosure outside the agency or to the public. Please consult with the Office of Chief Counsel before disclosing any information contained in this email.

From: Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 12:51 PM
To: Kletzly, Katrina <(b)(6)> Janet, Kevin <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: CREW

FYI

From: Bennett, Amy <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>
Cc: Wolfrey, Jimmy <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CREW

Hi Teri,

Thank you, again, for taking the time to talk to us today.

As we indicated at the beginning of the call, we understand that mistakes happen. We are glad that you have already reached out to the requester to explain the error and are acknowledging the request.

To follow up on the other issues we discussed, we recommend (b)(5)

(b)(5)

We also want to re-iterate that TSA cannot require requesters to submit the Affirmation/Declaration form. The DHS regulation requires requesters submit either a notarized authorization or a sworn declaration under penalty of perjury. We understand that the form includes certain information like date of birth that helps TSA locate records. We recommend

(b)(5)

I enjoyed talking with you this morning. Please let me know if you have anything further to discuss with us.

Best,

Amy

From: Miller, Teri (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Bennett, Amy <(b)(6)>
Cc: Wolfrey, Jimmy <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CREW

11:00 works for me.

From: Bennett, Amy (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:39 AM
To: Miller, Teri (b)(6)
Cc: Wolfrey, Jimmy <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CREW

Hi Teri,

Apologies for the late notice. How about we try again at 11:00?

We will still use:
DHS Ready Access Toll Free Number: 855-852-7677

Access Code: (b)(2)

Thanks!

Amy

From: Bennett, Amy
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:27 AM
To: Miller, Teri (b)(6)
Cc: Wolfrey, Jimmy <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CREW

Thanks, Teri.

If 10:30 still works for you, Jimmy and I can be on. Please use this conference number:

DHS Ready Access Toll Free Number: 855-852-7677

Access Code: (b)(2)

From: Miller, Teri (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 9:58 AM

To: Bennett, Amy (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CREW

Good morning,

We reached out to Ms. Weissman on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 and explained that we were currently operating under a new FOIA intake process and apologized for the confusion. Further, we assured her that her request was received by the FOIA Office and she would receive an acknowledgement letter within 48 hours.

The acknowledgment letter will go out today.

If you would like to discuss, we can do so at 10:30 or 11:00.

Respectfully,

Teri

From: Bennett, Amy (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:29 AM
To: Miller, Teri (b)(6)
Cc: Wolfrey, Jimmy (b)(6)
Subject: CREW

Hi Teri,

Is there a time we can give you a call today? We saw the letter from CREW (<https://www.citizensforethics.org/legal-filing/tsa-additional-foia-form-with-citizenship-question/>) and would like to hear more about what happened.

Thanks,

Amy

Amy Bennett
Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security
FOIA Policy, Compliance and Training
(202) 819- (b)(6)

From: Cartagena, Michelle
Sent: 8 May 2019 10:21:11 -0400
To: Miller, Teri; Williams, Krystle R
Cc: Callahan, Kerry
Subject: RE: FOIA Branch Affirmation/Declaration concerns

Thanks Teri;
Sounds good.

Michelle

From: Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 10:00 AM
To: Cartagena, Michelle <(b)(6)>; Williams, Krystle R
<(b)(6)>
Cc: Callahan, Kerry <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: FOIA Branch Affirmation/Declaration concerns

Good morning Michelle,

The message was based upon your inquiry to Krystle and to provide background information so that TCC would have a clearer understanding of our process. I took your inquiry as positive and considered it an opportunity to provide as much information as possible.

This task that TCC has taken on for the FOIA Branch is new and I'm sure will undergo a few twist and turns as we go forward. Therefore, rather than just make changes to the process, when at all possible, I want to make sure to take the opportunity to teach through the changes. That way, when the information is relayed to the call center folks by way of training, your team is equipped to answer their questions. I provided a copy of my email to DHS concerning the Affirmation/Declaration because it spoke to the changes that will affect the template letter currently in use by TCC and upcoming website changes. It was for information purposes only.

Personally, I'm grateful for the support and service provided by TCC and I'm sure the FOIA staff would agree. We're here to support TCC as well. I'm open to participating in a follow-up if you feel it's needed. Just let me know 😊

Respectfully,

Teri

From: Cartagena, Michelle <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:34 AM
To: Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>; Williams, Krystle R <(b)(6)>
Cc: Callahan, Kerry <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: FOIA Branch Affirmation/Declaration concerns

Good Morning Teri:

Not sure if this message was specifically based on my inquiry to Krystle or for information purposes only. I was not questioning the decision or process, just wanted to know if TCC was not following the established process because if not, we need to make sure they are.

In spite of the CREW debacle (for lack of a better word), I hope you guys still find the TCC support useful. I know there have already been a few process change requests. Perhaps Krystle can schedule a quick follow up with the TCC supervisor and you and Kerry so they can touch base first had on any/all questions that may have come up since TCC took over intake. Let us know.

Michelle

From: Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 3:42 PM
To: Cartagena, Michelle <(b)(6)>; Williams, Krystle R <(b)(6)>
Cc: Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>; Callahan, Kerry <(b)(6)>
Subject: FOIA Branch Affirmation/Declaration concerns

Hello,

There seems to be some confusion with regards to the FOIA Affirmation/Declaration form and why it's no longer "required"? To be clear, we'll still be reaching out to the requester for the purpose of verifying their identity when needed. However, to cut down on confusion, I've decided going forward, the FOIA staff will take care of this step.

The FOIA regulations state that an individual seeking records on themselves or representing a third-party must provide certain information under penalty of perjury to gain greater access to records. Therefore, TSA, DOJ and many other agencies have their own certification of identity form for the requester to fill out which contains all of the fields required as outlined in the regs. However, the requester isn't "required" to use the form. They can either provide the required information in writing and attest under penalty of perjury they are who they say they are; or, provide a document stating that they have permission from an individual to receive their records; or, provide all of the required information in a notarized statement. Therefore, we are adjusting our language in our form letters, emails and on the website to suggest use of the form rather than require its use.

For additional insight into this matter, please see the attached email to the DHS Privacy office. This email was a result of my consultation with TSA's Chief Counsel's office, Information Law. They are the legal review authority over TSA's FOIA requests.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Respectfully,

Teri

Teri Miller

FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Branch
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6020
Office: 571-227- (b)(6)
FOIA Main Line: 571-227-2300
Fax: 571-227-1406

From: Miller, Teri
Sent: 25 Apr 2019 13:59:16 +0000
To: Kletzly, Katrina
Subject: FW: Weissman Request
Attachments: Weissman Request.pdf

Hi Katrina –

Do you have a minute or two to discuss the attached request?

Teri

From: Spruill, Karen L <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 9:57 AM
To: Miller, Teri (b)(6)
Subject: Weissman Request

Teri,

Attached is the request you wanted a copy of to discuss w/Katrina.

Thanks,

-Karen

Karen L. Spruill

Government Information Specialist
Traveler Engagement Division (FOIA)
Transportation Security Administration

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April 22, 2019

BY FAX: 571-227-1406

Teri Miller
Transportation Security Administration
Freedom of Information Act Branch
601 S. 12th Street
11th Floor, East Tower, TSA-20
Arlington, VA 20598-6020

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Miller:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") makes this request for records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") regulations.

First, CREW requests copies of all communications between Chad Wolf, then-Vice president at Wexler | Walker, and any official at TSA within the Office of the Administrator, the Office of Security Operations, or the Office of Enterprise Support between January 20, 2016 and January 20, 2017.

Second, CREW requests copies of all communications between Chad Wolf, an official at TSA, and the following employees at Wexler | Walker and/or Hill+Knowlton, including: Jody Hoffman, Natalie Nehme, George Rogers, Dale Snape, Patrice Stanley, Robert Walker, and Daniel Wexler between January 20, 2017 and August 20, 2017.

Third, CREW requests copies of all communications to or from Chad Wolf, an official at TSA, mentioning or pertaining to the following employees at Wexler | Walker and/or Hill+Knowlton, including: Jody Hoffman, Natalie Nehme, George Rogers, Dale Snape, Patrice Stanley, Robert Walker, and Daniel Wexler between January 20, 2017 and August 20, 2017.

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. We seek records of any kind, including paper records, electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, data, and graphical material. Our request includes without limitation all correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. Our request also includes any attachments to emails and other records, as well as those who were cc'ed or bcc'ed on any emails.

If it is your position any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, CREW requests that you provide it with an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973). If some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. *See Mead Data Central v. U.S. Dep't of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242, 261 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

Fee Waiver Request

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) and TVA regulations, CREW requests a waiver of fees associated with processing this request for records. The subject of this request concerns the operations of the federal government, and the disclosures likely will contribute to a better understanding of relevant government procedures by CREW and the general public in a significant way. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Moreover, the request primarily and fundamentally is for non-commercial purposes. *See, e.g., McClellan Ecological v. Carlucci*, 835 F.2d 1282, 1285 (9th Cir. 1987).

Prior to joining the Trump Administration, Chad Wolf worked as a vice president at the lobbying firm Wexler | Walker. Mr. Wolf left Wexler | Walker in January 2017 and became Chief of Staff at TSA shortly thereafter.¹ According to public reports, during his tenure at the firm, Wolf lobbied TSA directly, and tried to persuade the agency to spend millions of dollars on a carry-on luggage screening device on behalf of an industry client.² After a brief stint as TSA Chief of Staff, Wolf was promoted to Deputy Chief of Staff and then Chief of Staff at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).³ In February 2019, President Trump announced his intention to nominate Wolf to be the Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy and Plans at DHS.⁴

During his tenure at DHS, several of Wolf's former lobbying firm colleagues have lobbied the agency.⁵ The requested records will shed light on the extent to which Wolf's former colleagues have lobbied him during his tenure at TSA and DHS and if Wolf responded to any such overtures. This information is also relevant to how TSA and DHS monitor compliance with relevant ethical standards including, but not limited to, ethics agreements and the Trump Administration ethics pledge, codified in Executive Order 13770. The public is entitled to know

¹ ProPublica, *Trump Town: Homeland Security: Chad Wolf*, available at <https://projects.propublica.org/trump-town/staffers/chad-f-wolf>, accessed Apr. 19, 2019.

² *Id.*

³ LinkedIn, Chad Wolf, available at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/chad-wolf-314a193/>, accessed Apr. 19, 2019.

⁴ U.S. Department of Homeland Security, *Secretary Nielsen Statement on the Nomination of Chad Wolf*, Feb. 15, 2019, available at <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2019/02/15/secretary-nielsen-statement-nomination-chad-wolf>.

⁵ *See, e.g.,* Lobbying Report, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Wexler | Walker, a unit of Hill+Knowlton Strategies, LLC, Q1 2017, available at <http://disclosures.house.gov/ld/ldxmlrelease/2017/Q3/300914701.xml>.

whether key decisions at TSA and DHS are impacted by lobbyists and special interests who gain access through former employees now in government positions.

CREW is a non-profit corporation, organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. CREW is committed to protecting the public's right to be aware of the activities of government officials, to ensuring the integrity of those officials, and to highlighting and working to reduce the influence of money on politics. CREW uses a combination of research, litigation, and advocacy to advance its mission. CREW intends to analyze the information responsive to this request and to share its analysis with the public through reports, press releases, or other means. In addition, CREW will disseminate any documents it acquires from this request to the public through its website, www.citizensforethics.org, and through www.scribd.com. The release of information obtained through this request is not in CREW's financial interest.

CREW further requests that it not be charged search or review fees for this request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) because CREW qualifies as a member of the news media. *See Nat'l Sec. Archive v. U.S. Dep't of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381, 1386 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (holding non-profit a "representative of the news media" and broadly interpreting the term to include "any person or organization which regularly publishes or disseminates information to the public").

CREW routinely and systematically disseminates information to the public in several ways. CREW's website receives tens of thousands of page views every month. The website includes blogposts that report on and analyze newsworthy developments regarding government ethics, corruption, and money in politics, as well as numerous reports CREW has published to educate the public about these issues. In addition, CREW posts documents it receives under the FOIA on its website, and those documents have been visited hundreds of thousands of times.

Under these circumstances, CREW satisfies fully the criteria for a fee waiver.

Conclusion

If you have any questions about this request or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact me at (202) 408-5565 or aweismann@citizensforethics.org. Also, if CREW's request for a fee waiver is not granted in full, please contact our office immediately upon making such a determination.

Where possible, please produce records in electronic format. Please send the requested records to me either at aweismann@citizensforethics.org or at Anne L. Weismann, Citizens for

Terri Miller
April 22, 2019
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Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, 1101 K Street, N.W., Suite 201, Washington, D.C. 20005. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anne L. Weismann
Chief FOIA Counsel

From: Miller, Teri
Sent: 25 Apr 2019 16:00:57 +0000
To: Kletzly, Katrina; Janet, Kevin
Subject: FW: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

FYI

From: Pietra, Peter <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Burke, Jenny L <(b)(6)>; Griggs, Christine <(b)(6)>
Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>; Cartagena, Michelle <(b)(6)>;
Gregory, James O. <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

Because the Privacy Act only covers US citizens and LPRs.

From: Burke, Jenny L <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 11:43 AM
To: Griggs, Christine <(b)(6)>; Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>; Cartagena,
Michelle <(b)(6)>; Pietra, Peter <(b)(6)>; Gregory, James
O. <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

Thanks all. In case I'm asked, why would the privacy piece ask for citizenship?

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From: Griggs, Christine <(b)(6)>
Date: Thursday, Apr 25, 2019, 11:01 AM
To: Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>; Burke, Jenny L <(b)(6)>; Cartagena,
Michelle <(b)(6)>; Pietra, Peter <(b)(6)>; Gregory, James O.
<(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

Thanks Teri.

From: Miller, Teri <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:57 AM
To: Burke, Jenny L <(b)(6)>; Cartagena, Michelle
<(b)(6)>; Pietra, Peter <(b)(6)>; Gregory, James O.
<(b)(6)>; Griggs, Christine <(b)(6)>
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From: Burke, Jenny L (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 8:18 PM
To: Cartagena, Michelle (b)(6); Pietra, Peter (b)(6);
Gregory, James O. (b)(6); Griggs, Christine (b)(6)
Miller, Teri (b)(6)
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

Thank you, very helpful.

Sent with BlackBerry Work
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From: Cartagena, Michelle (b)(6)
Date: Wednesday, Apr 24, 2019, 8:05 PM
To: Pietra, Peter (b)(6), Gregory, James O. (b)(6) Burke,
Jenny L (b)(6), Griggs, Christine (b)(6), Miller, Teri
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

The short answer is the contact center, which recently took over intake for FOIA on Monday, sent the request for the additional information in error thinking it was a privacy act request. Teri and her team reached out to the requester once the error was brought to our attention. I'll let Teri provide additional details as to what information was provided to the requester.

Michelle Cartagena

From: Pietra, Peter (b)(6)
Date: Wednesday, Apr 24, 2019, 7:52 PM

To: Gregory, James O. <(b)(6)>, Burke, Jenny L <(b)(6)>
Griggs, Christine <(b)(6)>, Miller, Teri <(b)(6)> Cartagena,
Michelle <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

Citizenship is needed for Privacy Axt requests and is part of DHS Regs to submit a request. But it's not needed for FOIA requests. Adding Teri for the FOIA office to look into the correspondence.

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From: Gregory, James O. <(b)(6)>
Date: Wednesday, Apr 24, 2019, 6:41 PM
To: Burke, Jenny L <(b)(6)>, Griggs, Christine <(b)(6)> Pietra,
Peter <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

No idea.

Adding Christine and Peter in case they know anything.

JAMES O. GREGORY
Acting Assistant Administrator
Strategic Communications & Public Affairs
Transportation Security Administration
571-328-(b)(6)
(b)(6)

Sent via iPhone

From: Burke, Jenny L <(b)(6)>
Date: Wednesday, Apr 24, 2019, 6:06 PM
To: Gregory, James O. <(b)(6)>
Subject: FW: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

Anything on this?

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

From: Sands, Geneva <(b)(6)>
Date: Wednesday, Apr 24, 2019, 5:38 PM
To: Burke, Jenny L <(b)(6)>
Cc: TSAMedia <TSAMedia@tsa.dhs.gov>
Subject: CNN inquiry -- CREW letter regarding FOIA/citizenship issue

Good evening, I am reaching out regarding a letter that CREW sent to TSA. According to the group, TSA sent CREW an additional form to fill out, which requested citizenship information, in response to a FOIA request.

CREW Chief FOIA Counsel Anne Weismann wrote "there simply is no reason why TSA needs information about my date and place of birth or my citizenship status to process CREW's FOIA request."

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.citizensforethics.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/23161049/FINAL-TSA-letter.pdf>

Please let me know if TSA has comment on the letter or has additional guidance to share.

Thank you,
Geneva

Geneva Sands
Justice producer, CNN

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From: Callahan, Kerry
Sent: 25 Apr 2019 16:28:23 -0400
To: Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report
Cc: Miller, Teri; Foster, Seena
Subject: FW: DUE- Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report- COB Thursday April 25, 2019 - TSA Submission
Attachments: 2019-TSFO-00380 Waldron.pdf, 2019-TSFO-00381 Waldron.pdf, 2018-TSFO-00382 Weissman.pdf

I. Efficiency and Transparency

- On April 19, 2019, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) posted a PDF document to the TSA Freedom of Information Act Reading Room under the Airport category entitled "TSA Contact Center Traveler Complaints Tool March 2019" (580 pages)
- On April 23, 2019, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) posted a PDF document to the TSA Freedom of Information Act Reading Room under the Airport category entitled "TSA Throughput Data March 31, 2019 to April 6, 2019" (923 pages).

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

- April 22, 2019, **Lucas Waldron**, a representative with *ProPublica* in New York, New York requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) the name and work schedule of all TSA employees assigned to work in Terminal 3 of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport on September 15th, 2017 between the hours of 2:30 PM (local time) and 3:30 PM (local time). (Case Number TSA 2019-TSFO-00380)
- April 24, 2019, **Anne Weismann**, a representative with *CREW* in Washington, District of Columbia requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) copies of all communications between Chad Wolf, then-Vice president at Wexler | Walker, and any official at TSA within the Office of the Administrator, the Office of Security Operations, or the Office of Enterprise Support between January 20, 2016 and January 20, 2017, copies of all communications between Chad Wolf, an official at TSA, and the following employees at Wexler | Walker and/or Hill + Knowlton, including Jody Hoffman, Natalie Nehme, George Rogers, Dale Snape, Patrice Stanley, Robert Walker, and Daniel Wexler between January 20, 2017 and August 20, 2017, and copies of all communications to or from Chad Wolf, an official at TSA, mentioning or pertaining to the following employees at Wexler | Walker and/or Hill + Knowlton, including Jody Hoffman, Natalie Nehme, George Rogers, Dale Snape, Patrice Stanley, Robert Walker, and Daniel Wexler between January 20, 2017 and August 20, 2017. (Case Number TSA 2019-TSFO-00382)
- April 24, 2019, **Lucas Waldron**, a representative with *ProPublica* in New York, New York requested from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) a copy of your agency's FOIA request logs (including all sub-agencies and offices) filed between January 1, 2019 and the date this FOIA request is received, the logs should include "date of request, description of records requested, and final disposition/current status" (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2019 To 4/22/2019). (Case Number TSA 2019-TSFO-00381)

III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

- None.

IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- None

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- None

VI. Litigation

- None

Regards,

Kerry Callahan

FOIA Branch

Transportation Security Administration

571-227- (b)(6)

From: Hoyer, Veronica <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Bennett, Amy <(b)(6)>; Bird, Rose M <(b)(6)>; Callahan, Kerry <(b)(6)>; Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report <chief.foia.officer.weekly.report@hq.dhs.gov>; DeShield, Sharon R <(b)(6)>; Dromgoole, Alexis <(b)(6)>; FOIA Officers <FOIAOfficers@HQ.DHS.GOV>; Fulwiler, Harry (CTR) <(b)(6)>; Holzer, James <(b)(6)>; Mixon, Kaitlen <(b)(6)>; Palermo, Andrea <(b)(6)>; Pugh, Amy <(b)(6)>; Small, Kimberly <(b)(6)>; TYRRELL KEVIN L <(b)(6)>; Yaakoub, Sara (CTR) <(b)(6)>; Mixon, Kaitlen <(b)(6)>; Mikuta, Alicia <(b)(6)>
Subject: DUE- Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report- COB Thursday April 18, 2019

Good Morning,

This is a request to submit your weekly FOIA report submissions by the end of the day, **Thursday, April 18, 2019**. Please ensure all submissions are sent to the Chief FOIA Officer Weekly Report inbox at chief.foia.officer.weekly.report@hq.dhs.gov. Please disseminate this reminder to your staff or the person responsible for your report submissions.

This report covers the period between **April 11, 2019 and April 17, 2019**. When you submit your responses please be sure to include negative responses (indicating you have nothing to report).

Please remember to **only** attach with your submission the following records in **PDF format**: 1) Initial Requests for new requests reported, 2) Initial appeals for appeal activity reported, and 3) Complaints for any litigation activity reported. When you are reporting releases, please indicate the type of record (email, memos, spreadsheets, database, video, lists, etc.) and what is contained in the records that were released (data of individuals who entered US, total number of individuals detained, ERO data, correspondence workflows from members of Congress between February 1, 2016 and February 6, 2016, etc.). When reporting an appeal, please indicate the nature of the initial FOIA request so it is apparent what is being appealed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Verónica María Hoyer

FOIA Specialist

Department of Homeland Security, Privacy Office

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From: [Lucas Waldron](#)
To: [FOIA](#)
Subject: FOIA request: FLL work schedules
Date: Friday, April 19, 2019 4:21:35 PM

Dear FOIA Officer

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request the following records from the Transportation Security Administration:

1. Please provide the name and work schedule of all TSA employees assigned to work in Terminal 3 of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport on September 15, 2017 between the hours of 2:30 PM (local time) and 3:30 PM (local time)

This information is being sought on behalf of ProPublica, an independent non-profit news organization.

Please waive any applicable fees as I am a member of the media. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of TSA policies related to screening procedures.

As a non-profit journalistic entity, ProPublica does not have the same commercial interests of other news organizations.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I appreciate your anticipated cooperation with this request.

Lucas Waldron
ProPublica

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Desk:

Mobile:

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From: Lucas Waldron
To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA request: TSA FOIA logs
Date: Friday, April 19, 2019 4:27:30 PM

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request the following records from the Transportation Security Administration:

A copy of your agency's FOIA request logs (including all sub-agencies and offices) filed between January 1, 2019 and the date this FOIA request is received.

At a minimum, the logs should include the following information fields:

- Date of request
- Description of records requested
- Final disposition/current status

I request the files be delivered in an electronic format, preferably Excel or CSV.

This information is being sought on behalf of ProPublica, an independent non-profit news organization.

Please waive any applicable fees as I am a member of the media.

As a non-profit journalistic entity, ProPublica does not have the same commercial interests of other news organizations.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate you communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I appreciate your anticipated cooperation with this request.

Lucas Waldron
ProPublica

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Desk:

Mobile:

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From: Callahan, Kerry
Sent: 23 Apr 2019 13:18:32 -0400
To: Spruill, Karen L
Cc: Miller, Teri
Subject: FW: FOIA Question
Attachments: Request No. 4329146, FOIA Request

Hi Karen,

Please log the attached as a FOIA request. Can you call me before you send the acknowledgment letter?

Thanks,
Kerry

From: Cartagena, Michelle (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 12:57 PM
To: Miller, Teri (b)(6); Callahan, Kerry (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Question

Good Afternoon:

Just wanted to alert you to a request that TCC handled improperly. At the time, they thought the request required an affirmation declaration, but after my discussion with them, understands that the request should have been forwarded to FOIA intake for handling. The requestor is pretty upset, so I thought I should bring this to your attention. Not sure how you want to handle; such as advise that we have recently transferred intake to our contractor and the record was processed improperly and we do not gather information on requestors etc.

Please let me know if you need any additional information from me.

Thanks

Michelle

From: Vaisey, Edith (CTR) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 12:35 PM
To: Cartagena, Michelle (b)(6); Williams, Krystle R (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Question

Hello,

This lady sent two emails to the FOIA box. The first one "FOIA Request" asked for emails during a specified timeframe between Chad Wolf and TSA. We sent the affirmation template based on the examples. She replied with the attached email, with her response as an attachment. I think maybe we handled this wrong. Should I go ahead and send these to FOIA.Intake? Also, did we handle the first email incorrectly? Based on our meeting I thought that if they were asking for a specific person's emails, an affirmation was required.

Edith Vaisey || Supervisor
TSA Contact Center
Senture, LLC
Phone: 606-878-

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From: Anne Weismann
Sent: 23 Apr 2019 12:00:36 -0400
To: FOIA
Cc: Eden Tadesse
Subject: Request No. 4329146
Attachments: TSA letter 4-23-19.pdf, Ex. A to TSA Letter.pdf, Ex. B to TSA letter.pdf

Enclosed please find a letter and attachments pertaining to the above-referenced FOIA request.

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Anne L. Weismann
Chief FOIA Counsel
CREW/Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington

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April 23, 2019

By Email: FOIA@tsa.dhs.gov

Terri Miller
Transportation Security Administration
Freedom of Information Act Branch
601 S. 12th Street
11th Floor, East Tower, TSA-20
Arlington, VA 20598-6020

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 4329146

Dear Ms. Miller:

On April 22, 2019, I submitted by email a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to your office on behalf of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW"). The request was clearly identified as a FOIA request and sought three categories of records concerning or mentioning communications between Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") official Chad Wolf and his previous firm as well as other identified individuals and entities. In support of CREW's request for a fee waiver I explained that the requested information will shed light on the extent to which Mr. Wolf's former colleagues have lobbied him during his tenure at TSA and the Department of Homeland Security. A copy of this request is enclosed as Exhibit A.

By email dated April 22, 2019, and sent at 1:45 p.m., the TSA Contact Center advised me that CREW's FOIA request was incomplete because I failed to include a signed copy of TSA's Affirmation/Declaration form, which the email stated, "is required if you are seeking records on behalf of yourself or a third party." A copy of this email is enclosed as Exhibit B. The referenced form requires me to provide, *inter alia*, my date and place of birth and my citizenship status. It also asks me to indicate my understanding "that any applicable fees must be paid by me," and requires me to execute the form under penalty of perjury.

The additional requirements TSA seeks to impose on CREW before it will treat CREW's FOIA request as perfected exceed and conflict with what the FOIA itself requires and raise a substantial risk of chilling requests by CREW and others. There simply is no reason why TSA needs information about my date and place of birth or my citizenship status to process CREW's FOIA request, which has not been made under the Privacy Act. Nor is it appropriate to ask me to acknowledge my personal liability for fees when CREW has demonstrated its entitlement to a fee waiver.

In my many years of submitting FOIA requests on behalf of CREW I have never before been requested to submit this kind of information. Its unprecedented nature highlights just how at odds the request for this information is with the FOIA, a statute intended to enhance agency

transparency and accountability. Accordingly, please be advised that CREW will not be submitting a signed Affirmation/Declaration form and considers its request, which complies fully with the FOIA, to be perfected as is and as of the date of submission, April 22, 2019.

Finally, even if TSA submitted this demand for an Affirmation/Declaration form in error, it raises substantial concerns that an agency like TSA is amassing personal data about FOIA requesters. CREW is an experienced FOIA requester able to identify the impropriety of asking a FOIA requester for personal data like their date and place of birth and citizenship status. Other less experienced members of the public may not realize the illegitimacy of TSA's request. Given the implications of the unauthorized collection of personal data concerning FOIA requesters, TSA must take appropriate steps to ensure such a mistake is not repeated.

Please advise me as soon as possible if you disagree with our position that CREW has already submitted a perfected request so that we can promptly pursue all available legal remedies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne L. Weismann', with a stylized, cursive script.

Anne L. Weismann
Chief FOIA Counsel

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EXHIBIT A

CREW | citizens for responsibility and ethics in washington

April 22, 2019

BY FAX: 571-227-1406

Teri Miller
Transportation Security Administration
Freedom of Information Act Branch
601 S. 12th Street
11th Floor, East Tower, TSA-20
Arlington, VA 20598-6020

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Miller:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) makes this request for records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and Transportation Security Administration (“TSA”) regulations.

First, CREW requests copies of all communications between Chad Wolf, then-Vice president at Wexler | Walker, and any official at TSA within the Office of the Administrator, the Office of Security Operations, or the Office of Enterprise Support between January 20, 2016 and January 20, 2017.

Second, CREW requests copies of all communications between Chad Wolf, an official at TSA, and the following employees at Wexler | Walker and/or Hill+Knowlton, including: Jody Hoffman, Natalie Nehme, George Rogers, Dale Snape, Patrice Stanley, Robert Walker, and Daniel Wexler between January 20, 2017 and August 20, 2017.

Third, CREW requests copies of all communications to or from Chad Wolf, an official at TSA, mentioning or pertaining to the following employees at Wexler | Walker and/or Hill+Knowlton, including: Jody Hoffman, Natalie Nehme, George Rogers, Dale Snape, Patrice Stanley, Robert Walker, and Daniel Wexler between January 20, 2017 and August 20, 2017.

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. We seek records of any kind, including paper records, electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, data, and graphical material. Our request includes without limitation all correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. Our request also includes any attachments to emails and other records, as well as those who were cc’ed or bcc’ed on any emails.

If it is your position any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, CREW requests that you provide it with an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973). If some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. *See Mead Data Central v. U.S. Dep't of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242, 261 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

Fee Waiver Request

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) and TVA regulations, CREW requests a waiver of fees associated with processing this request for records. The subject of this request concerns the operations of the federal government, and the disclosures likely will contribute to a better understanding of relevant government procedures by CREW and the general public in a significant way. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Moreover, the request primarily and fundamentally is for non-commercial purposes. *See, e.g., McClellan Ecological v. Carlucci*, 835 F.2d 1282, 1285 (9th Cir. 1987).

Prior to joining the Trump Administration, Chad Wolf worked as a vice president at the lobbying firm Wexler | Walker. Mr. Wolf left Wexler | Walker in January 2017 and became Chief of Staff at TSA shortly thereafter.¹ According to public reports, during his tenure at the firm, Wolf lobbied TSA directly, and tried to persuade the agency to spend millions of dollars on a carry-on luggage screening device on behalf of an industry client.² After a brief stint as TSA Chief of Staff, Wolf was promoted to Deputy Chief of Staff and then Chief of Staff at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).³ In February 2019, President Trump announced his intention to nominate Wolf to be the Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy and Plans at DHS.⁴

During his tenure at DHS, several of Wolf's former lobbying firm colleagues have lobbied the agency.⁵ The requested records will shed light on the extent to which Wolf's former colleagues have lobbied him during his tenure at TSA and DHS and if Wolf responded to any such overtures. This information is also relevant to how TSA and DHS monitor compliance with relevant ethical standards including, but not limited to, ethics agreements and the Trump Administration ethics pledge, codified in Executive Order 13770. The public is entitled to know

¹ ProPublica, *Trump Town: Homeland Security: Chad Wolf*, available at <https://projects.propublica.org/trump-town/staffers/chad-f-wolf>, accessed Apr. 19, 2019.

² *Id.*

³ LinkedIn, Chad Wolf, available at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/chad-wolf-314a193/>, accessed Apr. 19, 2019.

⁴ U.S. Department of Homeland Security, *Secretary Nielsen Statement on the Nomination of Chad Wolf*, Feb. 15, 2019, available at <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2019/02/15/secretary-nielsen-statement-nomination-chad-wolf>.

⁵ *See, e.g.,* Lobbying Report, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Wexler | Walker, a unit of Hill+Knowlton Strategies, LLC, Q1 2017, available at <http://disclosures.house.gov/ld/ldxmlrelease/2017/Q3/300914701.xml>.

whether key decisions at TSA and DHS are impacted by lobbyists and special interests who gain access through former employees now in government positions.

CREW is a non-profit corporation, organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. CREW is committed to protecting the public's right to be aware of the activities of government officials, to ensuring the integrity of those officials, and to highlighting and working to reduce the influence of money on politics. CREW uses a combination of research, litigation, and advocacy to advance its mission. CREW intends to analyze the information responsive to this request and to share its analysis with the public through reports, press releases, or other means. In addition, CREW will disseminate any documents it acquires from this request to the public through its website, www.citizensforethics.org, and through www.scribd.com. The release of information obtained through this request is not in CREW's financial interest.

CREW further requests that it not be charged search or review fees for this request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) because CREW qualifies as a member of the news media. *See Nat'l Sec. Archive v. U.S. Dep't of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381, 1386 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (holding non-profit a "representative of the news media" and broadly interpreting the term to include "any person or organization which regularly publishes or disseminates information to the public").

CREW routinely and systematically disseminates information to the public in several ways. CREW's website receives tens of thousands of page views every month. The website includes blogposts that report on and analyze newsworthy developments regarding government ethics, corruption, and money in politics, as well as numerous reports CREW has published to educate the public about these issues. In addition, CREW posts documents it receives under the FOIA on its website, and those documents have been visited hundreds of thousands of times.

Under these circumstances, CREW satisfies fully the criteria for a fee waiver.

Conclusion

If you have any questions about this request or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact me at (202) 408-5565 or aweismann@citizensforethics.org. Also, if CREW's request for a fee waiver is not granted in full, please contact our office immediately upon making such a determination.

Where possible, please produce records in electronic format. Please send the requested records to me either at aweismann@citizensforethics.org or at Anne L. Weismann, Citizens for

Terri Miller
April 22, 2019
Page 4

Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, 1101 K Street, N.W., Suite 201, Washington, D.C. 20005. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anne L. Weismann
Chief FOIA Counsel

EXHIBIT B



Anne Weismann <aweismann@citizensforethics.org>

In Response to your inquiry. 4329146

1 message

tsatcc_do_not_reply@senture.com <tsatcc_do_not_reply@senture.com>
To: aweismann@citizensforethics.org

Mon, Apr 22, 2019 at 1:45 PM

Thank you for contacting the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Contact Center.

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was incomplete because you did not include a signed copy of the Affirmation\Declaration form. This form is required if you are seeking records on behalf of yourself or a third party.

The form is available online at www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/affirmation_declaration_form.pdf. Please complete the form and send it via email to FOIA@tsa.dhs.gov.

You will receive an acknowledgement email with your FOIA case number two (2) business days from the date the FOIA Branch receives your complete request. We recommend you save your case number, as you will need it for communicating with the FOIA Branch and to check your status. You may check the status of your request at www.dhs.gov/foia-status. Please note, the status information provided is an estimate. Your case may take longer to process based on the complexity of the request and our backlog.

TSA Contact Center

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From: Anne Weismann
Sent: 22 Apr 2019 11:56:26 -0400
To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA Request
Attachments: TSA FOIA 4-22-19.pdf

Enclosed please find a FOIA request. If there are any problems with this transmission please contact me.

Thank you,

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Anne L. Weismann
Chief FOIA Counsel
CREW/Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington

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From: Callahan, Kerry
Sent: 25 Apr 2019 08:13:54 -0400
To: Miller, Teri
Subject: Weekly Report April 25, 2019
Attachments: Weekly FOIA Report 04 25 19.xlsx

Good Morning Teri,

Attached is a list of requests that we received from April 18, 2019 to April 24, 2019. The requests highlighted in yellow may be of interest to AA Griggs.

Thanks,

Kerry

TSA CRL/OTE FOIA Branch - New FOIA/PA Requests Received Week Ending 04/25/19

Total Received: 11

Request ID	Received Date	Requester Name	Organization	Requester Category	Multi-Track Type	Request Description
2019-TSFO-00376	4/19/2019	(b)(6)	-	Other	Simple	A couple of months ago I made my management aware that I am being harassed and that my leadership is making my work area a hostile workplace. Due to that email an investigation took place and during that investigation I was told statements were taken and I am requesting this document because the harassment continues and I am working in a hostile work place where everyday I go into work fearful of what is going to happen. I was told that nothing could've substantiated and would like to see for myself because I was told by fellow co workers that were called in during the investigation otherwise.
2019-TSFO-00380	4/22/2019	Waldron, Lucas	ProPublica	News Media	Simple	the name and work schedule of all TSA employees assigned to work in Terminal 3 of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport on September 15th, 2017 between the hours of 2:30 PM (local time) and 3:30 PM (local time)
2019-TSFO-00374	4/19/2019	(b)(6)	-	Other	Simple	information that explains why every time I travel overseas, I am delayed and flagged for questioning and search whenever I return to the United States. Please provide any information within your system that Homeland Security is using to interrupt my travels, holding me for questioning and undue searches
2019-TSFO-00382	4/24/2019	Weismann, Anne	CREW	News Media	Simple	copies of all communications between Chad Wolf, then-Vice president at Wexler Walker, and any official at TSA within the Office of the Administrator, the Office of Security Operations, or the Office of Enterprise Support between January 20, 2016 and January 20, 2017, copies of all communications between Chad Wolf, an official at TSA, and the following employees at Wexler Walker and/or Hill + Knowlton, including Jody Hoffman, Natalie Nehme, George Rogers, Dale Snape, Patrice Stanley, Robert Walker, and Daniel Wexler between January 20, 2017 and August 20, 2017, and copies of all communications to or from Chad Wolf, an official at TSA, mentioning or pertaining to the following employees at Wexler Walker and/or Hill + Knowlton, including Jody Hoffman, Natalie Nehme, George Rogers, Dale Snape, Patrice Stanley, Robert Walker, and Daniel Wexler between January 20, 2017 and August 20, 2017
2019-TSFO-00377	4/22/2019	S, C	-	Other	Simple	information on how many false positives you get each day, including, how many people who are groped each day and nothing is found on them and they are released
2019-TSFO-00372	4/18/2019	Sanchez, Francisca	Certified Medical Consultants	Other	Simple	employment records from 5/23/2011 including attendance records
2019-TSFO-00373	4/19/2019	Sheehan, Ellen	-	Other	Complex	the Final Rating Sheet for Deputy Assistant Federal Security Director for Screening at ORD, SV-1801-J, #ORD-19-550838, with all final ratings for all candidates who made the Best Qualified (Cert) List at/around April 2019, documents held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, all interview packets for Deputy Assistant Federal Security Director for Screening at ORD, SV-1801-J, #ORD-19-550838 for all candidates who were interviewed at/around April 2019, documents held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, the Final Rating Sheet for Assistant Federal Security Director for Screening at MDW with all final ratings for all candidates who made the Best Qualified (Cert) List at/around November 2018, documents held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, all interview packets for Assistant Federal Security Director for Screening at MDW for all candidates who were interviewed at/around November 2018, documents held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, the Final Rating Sheet for Deputy Federal Security Director for Screening at MDW with all final ratings for all candidates who made the Best Qualified (Cert) List at/around July 2018, documents held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, all interview packets for Deputy Federal Security Director for Screening at MDW for all candidates who were interviewed at/around July 2018, documents held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, the Final Rating Sheet for Deputy Assistant Federal Security Director for Screening at ORD, with all final ratings for all candidates who made the Best Qualified (Cert) List at/around December 2016, documents held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, all interview packets for Deputy Assistant Federal Security Director for Screening at ORD, for all candidates who were interviewed at/around December 2016, documents are held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, the Final Rating Sheet for Deputy Assistant Federal Security Director for Threat Assessment Division at ORD, with all final ratings for all candidates who made the Best Qualified (Cert) List at/around November 2016, documents held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, the Final Rating Sheet for Supervisory Transportation Security Specialist - Explosive Detection Canine Handler at ORD, with all final ratings for all candidates who made the Best Qualified (Cert) List at/around November 2016, documents held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department, all interview packets for Supervisory Transportation Security Specialist - Explosive Detection Canine Handler at ORD, for all candidates who were interviewed at/around November 2016. Documents are held by DHS/TSA/ORD Human Resources Department
2019-TSFO-00381	4/22/2019	Waldron, Lucas	ProPublica	News Media	Simple	a copy of your agency's FOIA request logs (including all sub-agencies and offices) filed between January 1, 2019 and the date this FOIA request is received, the logs should include "date of request, description of records requested, and final disposition/current status" (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2019 To 4/22/2019)
2019-TSFO-00378	4/22/2019	Eliacin, Emmanuel	The City of New York Law Department	Other	Simple	certified records of (b)(6)
2019-TSFO-00375	4/19/2019	Izikson, Jacob	-	Other	Simple	Requesting a copy of the contract between the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Thruvision, a provider of people-screening technology. This contract was referenced in the press release dated 1-Nov-2018 at this link: https://www.newswire.com/news/transportation-security-administration-tsa-awards-concept-of-20694738
2019-TSFO-00379	4/22/2019	(b)(6)	-	Other	Simple	the unredacted Security Threat Assessment report number for (b)(6) report date September 2011