Description of document: Department of Defense (DoD) Administrative Processing Records for the June 30, 2005 FOIA request to the DoD, Department of State and the White House by several members of Congress seeking records about the Downing Street Memo, 2005

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Note: The records provide an example of how fee issues are used to turn aside sensitive requests.
The Downing Street Memo is the note of a secret meeting on July 23, 2002 of senior British Labour government, defense and intelligence figures discussing the build-up to the Iraq war, which included direct reference to classified United States policy of the time.
This responds to your June 28, 2008, Freedom of Information Act appeal. You appealed the June 24, 2008, determination by the Office of Freedom of Information. I am sorry that this response was not provided in a more timely manner.

I have reviewed the denied information at the appellate level and after careful consideration, have determined that additional information should be released. The withheld information in the enclosed pages remains exempt from release because it is pre-decisional and deliberative in nature and contains subjective evaluations, opinions and recommendations which, if disclosed, would inhibit the decision making process. Finally, the release of this information would have the foreseeable harm of curtailing open discussions and recommendations in the future. Consequently, I must deny this information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5).

Please note that some of the redacted information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3) and (b)(6). The withholding of this information is not considered a denial, since you specifically did not appeal its withholding.

You have the right to judicial review of this decision in a United States District Court, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

William E. Brazis
Deputy Director

Enclosures:
As stated
Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: CIV OSD OUSDI
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2005 3:38 PM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: Revised request from Congress (U)

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Jim,
Were going to revise the hours to 150. Thank you.

Jim Hogan
Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2005 11:37 AM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Cc: OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Congressional request

Jim,

Staff tells me our part would be:
Press officers - 9 hours.
Support staff - 80 hours

Jim

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 12:46 PM
To: Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Congressional request

No problem, thanks. From what other OSD and DoD components have given me, looks like over $500,000 will be the fee estimate to the Members!

-----Original Message-----
From: Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 12:41 PM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Cc: OASD-PA
Subject: RE: Congressional request

Not yet. Tomorrow by noon, I hope. Jim

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 11:12 AM
To: Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: Congressional request

Jim,

I am preparing my letter to the Congressional request, and was wondering if you have any "wag" on search time.

Thanks,

Jim
Go ahead

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2005 08:16
To: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC; DoD OGC
Subject: Response to Conyers

Gentlemen,

I haven't heard from any of you on this response I sent to you last week. Since I need to put this response in the mail tomorrow to Conyers, please let me know now if you have any comments. If I don't hear from you by 1200 tomorrow, I'll assume you don't have any recommended changes.

Thank you.

Jim
I sent the following message to Mr. Trigilio, and received his out office response. This is a hot FOIA request from Congress. What I need is an estimate of time that it would take NESA to search (not review) for the information in the request. I am working with Mr. Jimenez, OGC, on this. If you have any questions, please call me.

Jim Hogan
Office of Freedom of Information
696-4699

Attached is the revised request that we received from Congress concerning the "Downing Street" memo. This is changed from the request we received over a month ago. OGC has asked me to get an estimate from DoD and OSD components on how long it would take to search (not review) for the requested information because it is our intention to charge the members for search fees. However, we are unable to finalize that until we get an estimate from you.

Thank you,

Jim Hogan
Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2005 1:47 PM
To: 'Ferrell, Zsatique L. '; O'ourke, Paul J, CDR, JCS SJS; 'Maryanne Stupar'; 'Linda Hall'; 'Andrews, MSgt Pamela (USAF)'; 'Scott, CIV Jacqueline (PKI)'; Trigilio, John, CIV, OSD-POLICY; Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA; [b][4][6] [b][6] CIV OSD OUSDI; [b][6]
Cc: Steene, Shawn, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Subject: Revised request from Congress
Attachments: Congressional Revision.tif

As you can see by the attached, the big request from Members of Congress had been revised. Please look it over, and give me a revised fee estimate, even if your revision hasn't changed any. I am working with the DoD OGC on this, and would appreciate an answer by Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Jim Hogan
This just in from USCENTCOM: 350 hours of search time. I'll update the letter. USEUCOM probably will have minimal search time, if any.
Attached is our final version of our response letter. Please let me know of any comments any of you may have on this.

By the way, here’s a breakdown from various components on estimated search time (in hours):

**OSD:**
- USD(I) 300
- OASD(PA) 89
- ODASD(NESA) None, yet.

**Joint Staff:**
- 240
- NRO 10
- DIA 500
- NGA 200
- NSA still working, but at 2 hours plus some computer time.

Jim
First of all, I don't remember, are you in USD(I) or NII (that reorganization still confuses me)? When I called you, I called the number in the phone book for USD(I). If you are in NII, who should I work with in USD(I)?

Anyway, this is the request in question. I see the primary issue for USD(I) is item 3 of the request. It's possible that item 2 would be an issue; however, I've asked the staffer to go back to the Members and tell us specifically what "subjects" they are talking about.

This is a FOIA request, and not an official request from a Congressional committee. Therefore, we treat this as any other FOIA request. Right now, all I need is an estimate of search (not review) time. No search for documents should be initiated until later.

Thank you for your help,

Jim Hogan
696-3081
Mr. Trigilio,

suggested that I contact you directly. We have received the attached FOIA request from 50 members of Congress. It is our intention to deny the members the fee waiver; however, before doing so, we are asking all the affected DoD components to estimate the amount of search time (not review or other administrative time) it would take to find the requested documents. Please include the time it would take to search for documents at Suitland. Given the sensitivity of this, please have someone get back to me as soon as possible with the estimated search time. Also, be aware that we may have to defend this estimate in court. For your information, I am also consulting with OGC and Department of Justice.

Jim Hogan
Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review
696-3081
Anita and Paul,

Please note the attached FOIA request. Our plan is to get an estimate of fees (we have not yet determined whether we will grant a fee waiver) for the entire DoD and let the requesters know. Then, if and when the fee issue is settled, we will refer this for search.

Please estimate the number of hours it will take for the Joint Staff to search (not review or any other time) for the responsive information, and get back to me ASAP with that estimate. Please understand we may have to defend this estimate in court.

This request has high visibility in DoD, and it is imperative that you get back to me as soon as you can.

Thank you,

Jim
Please note the attached FOIA request. Our plan is to get an estimate of fees (we have not yet determined whether we will grant a fee waiver) for the entire DoD and let the requesters know. Then, if and when the fee issue is settled, we will refer this for direct response.

Please estimate the number of hours it will take for your organization to search (not review or any other time) for the information responsive to items 2 and 3. I need this answer ASAP, obviously. Also, please respond to let me know that you received this.

Thank you,

Jim
Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2005 1:29 PM
To: Greg, Scott, and Jackie,

Please note the attached FOIA request. Our plan is to get an estimate of fees (we have not yet determined whether we will grant a fee waiver) for the entire DoD and let the requesters know. Then, if and when the fee issue is settled, we will refer this for direct response.

Please estimate the number of hours it will take for your organization to search (not review or any other time) for the responsive information, and get back to me ASAP with that estimate. Please understand we may have to defend this estimate in court.

This request has high visibility in DoD, and it is imperative that you get back to me as soon as you can. For EUCOM, the relevant item for you is #5, for Operation Northern Watch. For CENTCOM, it would be items 1, 3, 4, and 5. For DIA, items 2 and 3.

Thank you,

Jim
Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2005 1:17 PM
To: Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA
Subject: The Congressional Request
Attachments: Congressional Request.tif

Jim,

Remember that request from Congress? If not, it's attached.

Anyway, I'm going out to the components to get an estimate of fees. Please look at item #3, and give me an estimate of how many hours it would take Public Affairs to search for this information. Just so you know, it may be the case that we would have to defend this estimate in court.

Thank you,

Jim
Mr. Trigilio,

Attached is the revised request that we received from Congress concerning the "Downing Street" memo. This is changed from the request we received over a month ago. OGC has asked me to get an estimate from DoD and OSD components on how long it would take to search (not review) for the requested information because it is our intention to charge the members for search fees. However, we are unable to finalize that until we get an estimate from you.

Thank you,

Jim Hogan
gentlemen,

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Jim
Gentlemen,

If you remember, over 2 months ago the attached was sent to Congressman Conyers in response to his FOIA request. Since then, nothing has been heard from his office, until today. I received a call from someone today asking how the processing of the FOIA request was coming, and I asked them if they had received our September 1 response. I was told that they had not. So, as soon as I send this message, I will fax it to the Congressman's office. This is a heads up incase this creates any publicity.

Jim Hogan
Chief, FOIA Policy, Appeals, and Litigation
696-4699
Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2005 3:26 PM
To: O'Connor, Peter CIV WHS/ESD (peter.o'connor@whs.mil)
Cc: Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD (James.Hogan@dfoisr.whs.mil)
Subject: "Off Line" Hot Intern

The office for Congressman Conyers called and asked for a status check on a FOIA request from multiple Congressional representatives for Intelligence related issues in Iraq. FOID had sent a response to Congressman Conyers' office on Sep 1, 2005 and denied a request for a fee waiver. The FOID letter was not received by Congressman Conyers' office. A copy of the letter was faxed to the office by FOID on 29 Nov 05. Costs associated with the request were estimated to be $110,000. The denial of the fee waiver by FOID to members of Congress could result in a media story. A hot item was submitted on this issue previously, but the fact that Congressman Conyers' office is just now receiving the denial brings the issue up again. OSD(LA), OSD(PA) and OSD(OGC) have been notified by FOID that the issue may be come up.
I haven't heard anything from the attorneys - please press on with the letters.

Jim
Hold the presses gentlemen. I talked to Jim and he told me he had already sent out an electronic tasker for the cost estimate, so forget that issue.

I have assigned the subject case to you for processing. Please note that this request has a high level interest and should be handled as expeditiously as possible.

Will would like to see the proposed tasker to the DoD components. At this time, we are looking for a cost estimate only.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Dave Henshall
Senior Advisor, Information and Privacy
Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155
Voice (703) 696-3243
FAX (703) 696-4506

8/9/2005
I have assigned the subject case to you for processing. Please note that this request has a high level interest and should be handled as expeditiously as possible.

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TO: __________________________

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STEPHANIE MOORE  MICHELLE PERSAUD  
NOLAN RAPPAPORT  MICHELLE RICHARDSON  
TERESA VEST  KRISTIN WELLS

COMMENTS: Please let me know if you need anything else.

If parts of this transmission are unclear or transmission was faulted, please call: (202) 225-6906.
MEMO FOR RECORD

05-F-1953

Here's a breakdown of the estimated search time:

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Jim Hogan
PRELIMINARY
COST
ESTIMATES
Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD

From: Maryanne Stupar [mgstupa@nsa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2005 2:56 PM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Subject: Re: FOIA Request you are coordinating across DoD agencies

Jim,

We finally got a decent reply from the SID organizations who would need to search. This is their estimate:

4 people at the GS9-15 ($44) rate X 2087 hrs (1 year) = $367,312
1 person at the GS9-15 ($44) rate X 1565 hrs (3/4 year) = $68,860
1 person at the GS9-15 ($44) rate X 96 hrs = $4224
1 person at the SCE ($75) rate X 689 hrs = $51,675

Finally, in the process, we figured out that our General Counsel's Office would also have records. Their estimate is

1 person at GS9-15 rate ($44) X 24 hrs. = $1056

This should conclude our estimate. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Pamela or me a call. Thanks!!

Marianne
FOIA/PA Office
NSA
301-688-6527

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD 
To: Maryanne Stupar 
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 1:20 PM 
Subject: RE: FOIA Request you are coordinating across DoD agencies

Maryanne,

OK, thank you very much, this helps. My guess is that SID will have a lot of time.

Jim

8/3/2005
I checked with both of the POCs to whom I sent the search estimate request for that FOIA request from members of Congress.

One POC (from the SIGINT Directorate) is out in class through Friday. So I will have to see if I can coordinate SID's response with someone else in her office and get back to you on that portion.

The other POC (the SIGINT reports database office), gave me an estimate of $445.76. Her search would require two hours at the professional rate of $44/hr. and two hours of machine search on Anchory. Anchory costs are $178.88/hr. So it's $88 for a person and $357.76 for a machine. What we do in our estimates back to requesters is give them the total ($445.76) and deduct their two free hours ($88) and quote them the difference ($357.76) as their assessable fees.

I will email you again, as soon as I have the SID response.

Thanks!
Marianne Stupar
NSA FOIA Office
301-688-6527
I estimate (on the basis of the Weinberger/Aziz FOIA, as well as the earlier FOIA request for documents with respect to the INC) that this FOIA request would result in roughly 300 work hours for NESA-Northern Gulf alone. There would also be work hours incurred by other units (i.e., CENTCOM, Joint Staff, so on).

Attached is the FOIA in question. We just need the SWAG for the time NESA would need to search the NESA-related documents. We wouldn't be the lead-agency or otherwise responsible for the stuff about Northern Watch and Southern Watch, etc.

Please extrapolate from your Weinberger-Aziz FOIA and generate an estimate we can provide to Mr. Hogan.

V/R,

[OSD Policy / NESA Northern Gulf]
[703] 692-4906
[703] 692-6672 (fax)
for the information in the request. I am working with Mr. Jimenez, OGC, on this. If you have any questions, please call me.

Jim Hogan
Office of Freedom of Information
696-4699

From: Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2005 12:41 PM
To: Trigilio, John, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Subject: Request from Congress

Mr. Trigilio,

Attached is the revised request that we received from Congress concerning the "Downing Street" memo. This is changed from the request we received over a month ago. OGC has asked me to get an estimate from DoD and OSD components on how long it would take to search (not review) for the requested information because it is our intention to charge the members for search fees. However, we are unable to finalize that until we get an estimate from you.

Thank you,

Jim Hogan
Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: O’rourke, Paul J, CDR, JCS SJS
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2005 4:51 PM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD; Happoldt, Anita O, CIV, JCS SJS
Cc: CIV, JCS SJS
Subject: RE: Congressional Request

Jim,

Some of the categories require a little tighter definition. We estimate about 240 man hours to go through records all the way back to 1995. That is man hours, pulling some of those folks away from current work to give up the search hours is another story. Getting that amount of time out of people might take months. We aren’t really sure what we might really find in some of those categories. Definitely a lot there for DIA and the COCOMS.

R/CDR Paul O’Rourke
Chief (Acting), Information Management Division
(703) 697 - 8747
DSN 227 - 8747

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2005 2:51 PM
To: Happoldt, Anita O, CIV, JCS SJS; O’rourke, Paul J, CDR, JCS SJS
Subject: Congressional Request
Importance: High

Anita and Paul,

Please note the attached FOIA request. Our plan is to get an estimate of fees (we have not yet determined whether we will grant a fee waiver) for the entire DoD and let the requeters know. Then, if and when the fee issue is settled, we will refer this for search.

Please estimate the number of hours it will take for the Joint Staff to search (not review or any other time) for the responsive information, and get back to me ASAP with that estimate. Please understand we may have to defend this estimate in court.

This request has high visibility in DoD, and it is imperative that you get back to me as soon as you can.

Thank you,

Jim
Jim,

I come up with 100 hours search time and 500 hours review, coord and final processing time. Need anything else let me know. Have a good one.

v/r
Anita
E-MAIL DISCUSSION WITH OGC
Henshall, Dave, CIV, WHS/ESD

From: Kammer, William, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 2:01 PM
To: Henshall, Dave, CIV, WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: This just in - Response to Congress

Dave, here's what I have on the Congressional request message is the one main point. Draft a letter to the signatory in the modified request.

From: DoD OGC
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 9:32 AM
To: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC; Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD; Kammer, William, CIV, WHS/ESD
Cc: DoD OGC
Subject: RE: This just in - Response to Congress

I read his letter that way; I think it's the only reasonable interpretation. It would not hurt, however, to send the acknowledgment to all of the original signers.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 9:30 AM
To: DoD OGC; Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD; Kammer, William, CIV, WHS/ESD
Cc: DoD OGC
Subject: RE: This just in - Response to Congress

Do we have any assurance that Conyers is speaking on behalf of all the original signers? Does he make that representation in his letter?

-----Original Message-----
From: DoD OGC
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 09:20
To: DoD OGC; Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD; Kammer, William, CIV, WHS/ESD
Cc: DoD OGC
Subject: RE: This just in - Response to Congress

The first one was signed by a group of perhaps 20 Democratic Members of Congress (I think they are all Democrats - I don't recall seeing any Republicans). The second one was signed by Congressman Conyers, ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, on Judiciary Committee letterhead.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 9:15 AM
To: DoD OGC; Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD; Kammer, William, CIV, WHS/ESD
Cc: DoD OGC
Subject: RE: This just in - Response to Congress

Who signed first request and who signed second (all signers)?

-----Original Message-----
From: DoD OGC
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 09:14
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD; Kammer, William, CIV, WHS/ESD
Cc: DoD OGC; Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC
Subject: RE: This just in - Response to Congress

8/8/2005
Will:

Jim let me know that he has passed the baton for this one to you. How much fun can one guy have?

In my view, this is clearly a revision to the request sent in by the group of Members of Congress. It explicitly describes the request as made under the FOIA and a modification of the previous request. I don't think the use of Committee letterhead would change its status in any event, by itself, but the way the request is described in this letter removes any potential argument that it has been converted into an official request.

I recommend that you send a response acknowledging receipt of this modification now. We should revise the estimate based on the narrowed scope and send them basically the letter already prepared with revised numbers when the revised estimate is completed. You might include in the acknowledgment the fact that some of records requested are in the public domain already.

This is a remarkably rational approach taken by the requesters. May they really are interested in obtaining some documents.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2005 12:36 PM
To: DoD OGC; Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC; DoD OGC
Subject: This just in - Response to Congress
Importance: High

I just got this now. Congressman Conyers has narrowed the scope of the request. However, my preliminary review is that the revision is still going to result in large fees. Also, if you notice, the request is now on Committee letterhead. Stew, how does that affect our response?

We now have 2 options. First, we can change our response to not mention our fees estimate, say that we just received their revised request, and because of that we are attempting to get a new fees estimate. However, our initial review indicates that the time and cost will still be high. The other option would be to hold off on our letter until we have the revised estimates in hand (may take another week). Given that we just got the revision, the limit of 20 working days to respond does not start until today.

Please let me know where you think we should go. I am leaning towards the second option.

From: DoD OGC
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2005 9:47 AM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD; DoD OGC; DoD OGC
Subject: RE: Response to Congress

I agree with Jim. I think State is making a mistake. The appropriate thing to do with a broad request like this is ask the requester to narrow it based on our estimates of time and cost—exactly what Jim proposes. There's no deadline for sending this letter, but 20 days after our receipt of the request if we have not responded they can file suit. Sooner the better.

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2005 07:30
To: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC; DoD OGC

(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Response to Congress

I have talked to State on several occasions. They are taking the stand that the request is "too broad" to process. I prefer not to take such a stand, since the FOIA doesn’t allow for an Agency to not process a request because it’s too broad (ACLU litigation is a case in point).

We should get a response on the mail by Wednesday. I can pass this on to someone else if you want to take longer.

From: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2005 5:14 PM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD; DoD OGC
Subject: RE: Response to Congress

Have we talked to State, which received the same request? Is what we’re doing consistent with what they’re doing? And what’s the very last day we can send this letter?

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2005 13:50
To: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC; Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: Response to Congress

The NSA OGC is currently reviewing these charges, if you want to contact them. I am told that is working this.

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2005 11:59 AM
To: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC; Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: Response to Congress

Jim:

That’s a big change for sure. Are we prepared to give them some kind of breakdown of the fees?

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2005 08:05

Whoa! How did we go from $70K to over $500K?? Are you absolutely sure?

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2005 08:05
To: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC
OGC

Subject: Response to Congress

Gentlemen,

The attached has been reviewed by DoJ. Her changes were primarily ones of style; she recommended that we tone it down and make it less harsh in some areas.

Two issues for you to think about. One, the fees jumped up with a new estimate from NSA. This could be “bad press” for us to reveal this amount at this time. Instead, we could say that we haven’t fine tuned the estimate, the potential cost could be exorbitant.

Two, the request is left hanging, in my opinion. I would like to close it, and (who is now retired) took that out. We could say that we will close it by a certain date, say Sept. 15, if we don’t hear from them.

I intend to send this out tomorrow, since I’ll be on leave Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of next week.

Jim
From: Henshall, Dave, CIV, WHS/ESD  
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2005 3:26 PM  
To: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC  
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To: Jimenez, Frank, Mr, DoD OGC  
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We'll get right on it. Thanks for your advice and support!

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1/5/2006
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Are there more estimates coming in?

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2005 2:18 PM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: Congressional Request

Jim,

I am [Redacted] the FOIA Specialist for NGA. It will take us hundreds of hours to research this information.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2005 3:24 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Congressional Request
Importance: High

FYI.

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Thank you,

Jim
We estimate 10 hours of search time . . . we do work on Friday's.

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD [mailto:James.Hogan@dfoisr.whs.mil]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2005 1:47 PM
To: foia@nro.mil
Subject: Congressional Request
Importance: High

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Thank you,

Jim
Jim: This is a follow-up to our telephone conversation this morning. After contact with all the responsive offices we have come up with a figure of about 500 hours of search time in response to the request from Congress. Let me know if you need any additional information.

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Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Maryanne Stupar [mgstupa@nsa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2005 1:55 PM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Subject: Re: Revised request from Congress

Jim,

(U) This is NSA's formal reply to the revised request from members of Congress. The two paragraphs below are from our OGC and only pertain to Item 3 of the request. The remaining items of the request are not in NSA's purview.

(U) NSA does not have responsive records. NSA does not prepare the final analysis of collected intelligence; rather, NSA collects and provides it to policy and decision makers and other customers for final analysis. Additionally, the requester wants documents that pertain to "synthesizing collected intelligence."

(U//FOOU) It is OGC's opinion that the term "synthesize" in the context provided by the FOIA requester is equivalent to "analyze," and NSA is a collector of intelligence, not a final "synthesizer" or analyzer" of finished intelligence. As such, NSA would not have responsive documents.

Please let me or Pamela know if you need any more input for this request.
Thanks!

Marianne Stupar
FOIA/PA Office
NSA
301-688-6527

Original Message

From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
To: 'Ferrell, Zsatique L.' ; O'ourke, Paul J, CDR, JCS SJS ; 'Maryanne Stupar' ; 'Linda Hall' ; 'Andrews, MSgt Pamela (USAF)' ; 'Scott, CIV Jacqueline (PKI)' ; Trigilio, John, CIV, OSD-POLICY ; Turner, James, CIV, OASD-PA ; Ms CIV OSD OUSD ; CIV, OSD-POLICY
Cc: CIV, OSD-POLICY
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2005 1:47 PM
Subject: Revised request from Congress

As you can see by the attached, the big request from Members of Congress had been revised. Please look it over, and give me a revised fee estimate, even if your revision hasn't changed any. I am working with the DoD OGC on this, and would appreciate an answer by Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Jim Hogan
Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Maryanne Stupar [mgstupa@nsa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 1:20 PM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Cc: mgstupa@nsa.gov
Subject: FOIA Request you are coordinating across DoD agencies

Jim

I checked with both of the POCs to whom I sent the search estimate request for that FOIA request from members of Congress.

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The other POC (the SIGINT reports database office), gave me an estimate of $445.76. Her search would require two hours at the professional rate of $44/hr. and two hours of machine search on Anchory. Anchory costs are $178.88/hr. So it’s $88 for a person and $357.76 for a machine. What we do in our estimates back to requesters is give them the total ($445.76) and deduct their two free hours ($88) and quote them the difference ($357.76) as their assessable fees.

I will email you again, as soon as I have the SID response.

Thanks!
Marianne Stupar
NSA FOIA Office
301-688-6527

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From: Maryanne Stupar [mgstupa@nsa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2005 2:56 PM
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Subject: Re: FOIA Request you are coordinating across DoD agencies

Jim,

We finally got a decent reply from the SID organizations who would need to search. This is their estimate:

4 people at the GS9-15 ($44) rate X 2087 hrs (1 year) = $367,312
1 person at the GS9-15 ($44) rate X 1565 hrs (3/4 year) = $68,860
1 person at the GS9-15 ($44) rate X 96 hrs = $4224
1 person at the SCE ($75) rate X 689 hrs = $51,675

Finally, in the process, we figured out that our General Counsel's Office would also have records. Their estimate is

1 person at GS9-15 rate ($44) X 24 hrs. = $1056

This should conclude our estimate. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Pamela or me a call. Thanks!!

Marianne
FOIA/PA Office
NSA
301-688-6527

---- Original Message ----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
To: 'Maryanne Stupar'
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 1:20 PM
Subject: RE: FOIA Request you are coordinating across DoD agencies

Maryanne,

OK, thank you very much, this helps. My guess is that SID will have a lot of time.

Jim

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Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 1:20 PM
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Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Scott, CIV Jacqueline (PKI)

Sent: Friday, July 15, 2005 4:47 PM

To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Congressional Request

Jim,

Received --- I did not receive items 4 and 5. I read items 1 and 3; agree #3 rests with USCENTCOM but not sure about #1. Please provide insight on why #1 would be USCENTCOM and not the Secretary of Defense or Chairman, JCS.

I'll be TDY next week --- (b)(6) will handle.

Break Break

(b)(6) --- immediate attention required; see second email for request. Please remind Jim to send items 4 and 5. The Command Action Group (CAG) handles all congressional responses for the command. Please ask (b)(6) to discuss with (b)(6) regarding CAG and congressional responses.

Thanks

JACQUELINE J. SCOTT
DSN: 651-2830
Comm: 813-827-2830

-----Original Message-----
From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: July 15, 2005 13:45
To: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD; 'Greg L. Outlaw@eucom.mil'; 'Scott, CIV Jacqueline (PKI)'; 'Scott Kinsey'
Subject: Congressional Request

Concerning my last message - please send me an email to let me know that you received it.

From: Hogan, James, CIV, WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2005 1:29 PM
To: Greg L. Outlaw@eucom.mil; 'Scott, CIV Jacqueline (PKI)'; (b)(6)
Subject: Congressional Request

Importance: High

(b)(6) and Jackie,

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may have to defend this estimate in court.

This request has high visibility in DoD, and it is imperative that you get back to me as soon as you can. For EUCOM, the relevant item for you is #5, for Operation Northern Watch. For CENTCOM, it would be items 1, 3, 4, and 5. For DIA, items 2 and 3.

Thank you,

Jim