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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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FOIA Nos.: 2006-07-042 and 2006-07-043

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This is in response to your Freedom of information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) requests to the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), dated July 4, 2006. You requested a copy of "any records containing available aggregate or statistical information concerning the number of license applications for travel to Cuba granted since January 1, 1995, including a breakdown by year from 1995 to present."

Please be aware that OFAC is experiencing a substantial backlog of FOIA requests that has adversely affected its response time.

A search was completed by OFAC for documents responsive to your request and produced a total of three (3) pages that are being release to you in full. Please be advised that no records are available for the period of 1995-2000.

You may appeal this decision, in writing, within 35 days after the date of this letter to the Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Disclosure Services (DO), Room 6204, Annex, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220. The deciding official for OFAC appeals is the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes. Please include with your letter of appeal a copy of this response letter. Please reference FOIA case number **2006-07-043** in all future correspondence. Copies of the FOIA and Treasury regulations are available at [www.treasury.gov/foia](http://www.treasury.gov/foia).

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, no fees have been assessed. 31 CFR § 1.7.

Please be advised that we have administratively closed FOIA request number **2006-07-042** as it is a duplicate of FOIA number **2006-07-043**.

Enclosed is an information sheet pertaining to your right to administrative appeal. Please refer to FOIA number **2006-07-043** in all future correspondence with this office. This office can be reached at (202) 622-4374.

Sincerely,

Marshall H. Fields, Jr.  
Assistant Director, Disclosure Services  
Office of Resource Management  
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Enclosures

## **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL**

You may file an appeal with the Department of the Treasury when:

- Access to records has been denied in part or in whole;
- There has been an adverse determination of your requestor category;
- Your request for fee waiver or reduction has been denied;
- It has been determined that no responsive records exist; or
- Your request for expedited processing has been denied.

Your appeal, other than an appeal of a denial for expedited processing, must be submitted within 35 days after (1) the date of the initial determination, or (2) the date of the letter transmitting the last records released, whichever is later, except in the case of a denial of expedited processing. An appeal of a denial for expedited processing must be made within 10 days of the date of the initial determination to deny expedited processing. The appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and contain the following information:

- Your name and address;
- Date of your initial request;
- Date of the letter denying your request;
- Description of why you believe the initial determination was in error; and
- The FOIA/PA number assigned to your request.

Please mail your appeal to: Freedom of Information Act Appeal  
Disclosure Services, DO  
Room 6204, Annex  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D.C. 20220

The deciding official on your appeal will be the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes.

### Cuba Travel Licenses Approved for the Year 2001 and 2002

<u>Month/Year</u>	<u>D.C. Office</u>	<u>Miami Office</u>	<u>OFAC Total</u>
Jan. 2001	83	965	1048
Feb. 2001	79	1024	1103
Mar. 2001	63	1921	1984
Apr. 2001	72	1253	1325
May 2001	64	1734	1798
June 2001	56	1796	1852
July 2001	44	2137	2181
Aug. 2001	55	1250	1305
Sept. 2001	45	1272	1317
Oct. 2001	78	2219	2297
Nov. 2001	93	1899	1992
<u>Dec. 2001</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>1396</u>	<u>1435</u>
2001 Total	771	18866	19637
Jan. 2002	86	1249	1335
Feb. 2002	59	1314	1373
Mar. 2002	56	1498	1554
Apr. 2002	65	1675	1740
May 2002	31	1627	1658
June 2002	35	1756	1791
July 2002	23	1543	1566
Aug. 2002	40	1329	1369
Sept. 2002	35	1234	1269
Oct. 2002	74	2728	2802
Nov. 2002	76	2168	2244
<u>Dec. 2002</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>1340</u>	<u>1380</u>
2002 Total	620	19461	20081

**Year 2003 Cuba Travel Licenses Issued**

<u>Month</u>	<u>D.C. Office</u>	<u>Miami Office</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	55	1739	1794
February	58	1880	1938
March	47	2026	2073
April	48	2892	2940
May	29	2915	2944
June	78	2670	2748
July	83	3278	3361
August	135	1749	1884
September	82	1697	1779
October	102	3233	3335
Total	<u>717</u>	24079	24796

Cuba Travel Licenses Issued

<u>Cuba Travel Category*</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Family Visits**	19766	25304	40308	55104
Journalistic Activities (Free-lance)	17	13	4	11
Research/Meeting	167	107	87	118
Academic Activities	84	96	90	90
Religious Activities	208	256	331	453
Humanitarian Projects	34	36	19	16
Public Perf/Exhibition/Athletic Comp	20	23	12	7
Support for the Cuban People	30	86	78	50
Research Institutes	11	10	8	10
Informational Material	35	28	34	39
Licensed Exports	269	258	184	196
Breakdown:				
agriculture	201	196	137	154
agriculture & medical	29	21	16	15
medical	18	19	16	12
donations	21	22	15	13

\* A description of the travel category can be found in the *Comprehensive Guidelines for License Applications to Engage in Travel-Related Transactions involving Cuba* on OFAC's website.

\*\*Each traveler gets a separate license. For the other categories, multiple travelers may be on one license.