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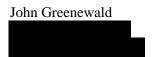
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P.O. Box 648010 Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010



December 2, 2016

COW2016001105



Dear John Greenewald:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office November 15, 2016 regarding all records pertaining to COW2016000751, case processing notes, internal agency communications.

We have completed the review of all documents and have identified 119 pages that are responsive to your request. Enclosed are 5 pages released in their entirety and 114 pages released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) of the FOIA.

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

As a matter of administrative discretion, we are releasing computer codes found on system screen prints previously withheld under exemption b(2). There may be additional documents that contain discretionary releases of exempt information. We will identify discretionary releases within the record. These discretionary releases do not waive our ability to invoke applicable FOIA exemptions for similar or related information in the future.

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

If you wish to appeal this determination, you may write to the USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139, within 90 days of the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

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

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Sincerely,

Jill A. Eggleston

Director, FOIA Operations

Enclosure(s)

From: Sent: Fo:	(b)(6) Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM
Subject: Attachments:	FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751 COW2016001105 Request Letter.pdf; Updated SIG Staffing Sheet 14.pdf
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Sent:		Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:33 AM
To:	;	
Subject:		COW2016001105
Attachments:		Updated SIG Staffing Sheet 14.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Pro.pdf

Here is my completed staffing sheet. No Records located.

Thanks. (b)(6)

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From: Sent: Thursday, September 29.	2016 7:07 AM	

Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Good morning,

On July 29 I sent the email below regarding a FOIA request USCIS received asking for any records discussing how USCIS internally communicated how to process records requests for Mohamed Atta who was involved in the 9/11 World Trade

USCIS was/is to handle FOIA requests for Mr. Atta's records since 2001. Please see the original email below and the attached request. If you have any records responsive to this request I ask that you send the records directly to my attention. If at all possible please provide a response by October 13. Negative responses would gratefully appreciated. (b)(6)WARNING: This document is FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (FOUO). It contains information that may be exempt from public release under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). This document is to be controlled, handled, transmitted, distributed, and disposed of in accordance with DHS policy relating to Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) information and is not to be released to the public or other personnel who do not have a valid "need-to-know" without prior approval from the originator. (b)(6) **Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2016 9:39 AM **Subject:** USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Monamed Atta Good Morning, USCIS has received a Freedom of Information Act request from John Greenewald, a researcher/activist notably with the web site The Black Vault. Mr. Greenewald has requested from USCIS emails, letters, memos, etc. discussing how USCIS internally communicated how to process records requests for Mohamed Atta who was involved in the 9/11 World Trade Towers attack. His request encompasses all communications since September 11, 2001. Mr. Greenewald's request and my email with him is attached for your reference. The recipients of this email have been identified as possibly having emails or other communications on how USCIS was/is to handle FOIA requests for Mr. Atta's records since 2001. Please conduct a search for any electronic or other communications since 2001 relating to the handling Mr. Atta's records requests. This would include any communications, either to or from you, with other Directorates, Headquarters or other agencies. Also attached is staffing sheet. I ask that you also complete this form with as much detail as possible even if you are unable to locate any records related to this request. This form would be instrumental in case Mr. Greenewald appeals any response we may give. Feel free to send any response to me either electronically or in any form that is convenient to you. (b)(6) If you have any questions you can contact me directly at my contact information below or

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From:
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Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:35 PM
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Mohammad Atta

We received a request today for Mohammad Atta's A-file (911 hijacker). How are we handling these requests?

Thank you,

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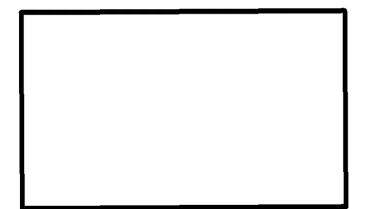
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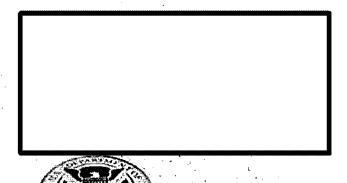
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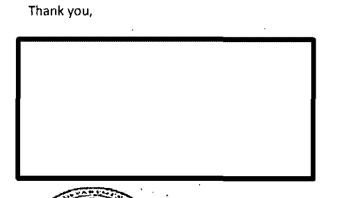
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Subject: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

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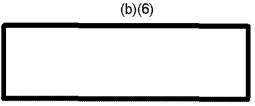
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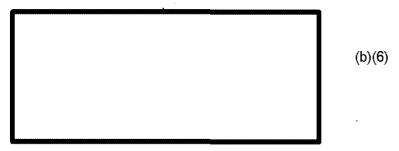
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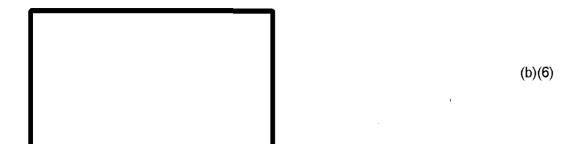
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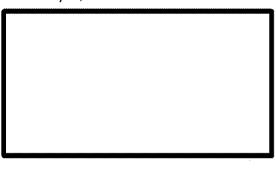
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I don't know if this applies, but all I have is the request notice that is posted on the Weekly Report. I've attached the report and the Staffing Sheet.
Thanks,
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From: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:34 AM To: Cc: Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
I see COW2016001105 as asking for all records on the staffing/processing of COW2016000751. He also added asking for communication with outside agencies. All communications I had regarding searching for records were scanned into X751. There was no indication on any of the communications on our coordination with other offices within USCIS or with outside agencies. Of course, we are only responsible for answering for USCIS records. Other DHS offices may have records but from the records we have, there was no written guidance on processing 9/11 records.
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Attachments:	2016_10_04_06_31_19.pdf
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Cc:				
Subject:	USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohammed Atta			
Attachments:	FW: FOIA Referral NRC 2014142698; RE: USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3 2016; RE: USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3, 2016			
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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

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From: Friday, August 05, 2016 3:52 PM To:

RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Attachments: Updated SIG Staffing Sheet.pdf

See attached.

Subject:

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Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 9:40 AM

Subject: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

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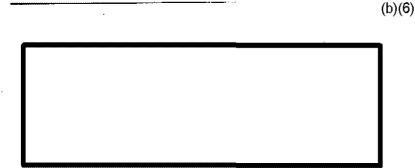
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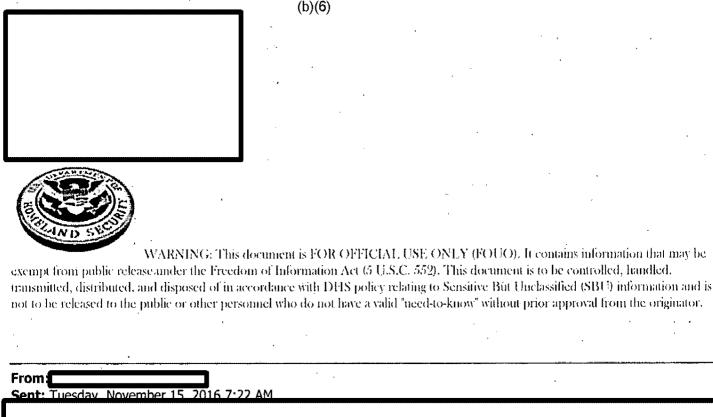
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I am resending this request because I don't believe I have received a response from you regarding the attached FOIA request.

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