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From: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 9:37 AM
To: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(3),(b)(6) DNI-DDII-Taskers; NCTC_ExecSec
Subject: DDII Response: For review - docs in DF-2013-00205

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DDII polled MID, NIMC and the NIC, with the following responses:

MID: fully concurs with the FOIA assessment that all of these documents should be withheld.

NIMC: They polled relevant NIM teams, and all agree that all documents should be withheld.

NIC: Concur with all of the recommendations on documents proposed to be denied in full. Also, they have no additional exemptions to request on documents that were rejected in part – there are no additional NIC equities in those documents.

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DDII XO, Speechwriter to DDNI/II and ADDNI/II
ODNI/DDII

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*O, DDII
Integratus maximus
Prime directorate*

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Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 10:05 AM
To: DNI-DDII-Taskers; NCTC ExecSec
Cc: (b)(3),(b)(6)
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Thank you!

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Consult/Referral/Final

Expedited:

Urgent:

Case Number: DF-2013-00205

Requester: Greenewald

Routing:

1. Case Manager LP

2. Senior Review _san 12/8/2015

3. Signature _signed, SAN, 12/8/2015



Case Details:

Grant Code RIP b1b3b5

Sub Grant Code _____

**Reason for No Records/
Withdrawal/etc.** _____

Comments

Conducted initial review, had DDII and NCTC review. (b)(5) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. NCTC and DDII both ok with the
proposed response. Ready to go!

Please review the response package and approve the letter for signature asap.

Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, DC 20511

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DEC 08 2015

Re: ODNI FOIA Case DF-2013-00205

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This is in response to your email to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) on 15 September 2013, in which you requested an appeal of your FOIA case DF-2013-00190 regarding information about the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya. During subsequent communication with our FOIA office, you agreed to withdraw your appeal and allow us to process the case as a new request (Enclosure 1).

Your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended, and material was located that is responsive to your request (Enclosure 2). Upon review, certain information has been determined to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4(c), and that is, therefore, exempt from disclosure pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(1). In addition, information has been withheld pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

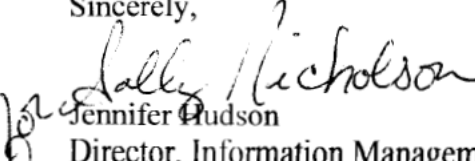
- (b)(3), which applies to information exempt by statute, specifically 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i), which protects intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure; and
- (b)(3), the relevant withholding statute is the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 3024(m)(1), which protects, among other things, the names and identifying information of ODNI personnel; and
- (b)(5), which protects privileged interagency or Intra-Agency information of a deliberative nature.

If you wish to appeal our determination on this request, please explain the basis of your appeal and forward to the address below within 45 days of the date of this letter:

Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Information Management Office
Washington, DC 20511

If you have any questions, email our Requester Service Center at DNI-FOIA@dni.gov or call us at (703) 874-8500.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Hudson
Director, Information Management Division

Enclosures

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From: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 8:17 AM
To: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Subject: FW: NCTC Response: For review - docs in DF-2013-00205

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(b)(3) discussion to clarify (b)(3),(b)(6) comment

(b)(3),(b)(6) Hi (b)(3),(b)(6) I'm the pesky FOIA analyst making NCTC's life miserable

(b)(3),(b)(6) so NCTOC is not a DNI operations? 11:48:45 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) Hi (b)(3),(b)(6) - no problem! NCTC's Operations Center (NCTOC) is under NCTC, which is under DNI. NCTOC will need to coordinate on what they believe to be releasable as it is not our information. Does that make sense? 11:49:51 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) oh that's what you meant by DOS--Our DOS, not Dept of State 11:50:15 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) Yep, yep! 11:50:26 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) So sorry 😊 11:50:29 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) I've been doing the Hillary Clinton emails and DOS is now firmly embedded in my brain as State 11:50:36 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) no worries 11:50:38 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) acronymophobia 11:50:44 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) 😊 - makes total sense! 11:50:47 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) I'm gonna still DIF all the stuff that is classified, so we are good to go. Thanks again! 11:51:10 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) Anytime! Thanks again for your patience with this! 11:51:28 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) no sweat--this is my day job, and it's not NCTC's (or any of the other wonderful people we task in abundance). 11:52:19 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) 😊 -- Thanks, again. 11:52:42 AM

(b)(3),(b)(6) have a great thanksgiving! 11:53:05 AM

From: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 11:46 AM
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Hello (b)(3),(b)(6)

The original response was provided by (b)(3),(b)(6) in DSOP, and she has the following response regarding your below request.

“Please tell them for anything related to NCTOC updates, please defer to DOS as they are the ones with equities in this situation.”

Thank you,
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NCTC/DSOP ExecSec

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Hi (b)(3),(b)(6) I'm just checking on the comment below. Some of the documents contain open-source reporting (the NCTOC updates, for example), which are releasable. If I redact the cover email information (to which the press item is attached), would you be comfortable with that approach? I believe that will still preserve the spirit and letter of FOIA, while not releasing anything that could reveal classified information, or sources and methods.

Please let me know if you are ok with this approach!

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Good Morning (b)(3),(b)(6)

NCTC concurs with the recommended redactions.

DSOP made the following comments POC (b)(3),(b)(6) given the classification level it would not be appropriate to release any of the information contained in these documents. NCTC/DSOP recommends this document be withheld from release pursuant to U.S.C. 552(b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act and Executive Order 13,526.

Thank you for the opportunity to review.

Respectfully,

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Executive Secretariat
National Counterterrorism Center

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