



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. FL-2014-06088

Mr. Jason I. Poblete
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Dear Mr. Poblete:

We refer you to our letter dated November 3, 2022, regarding the release of certain Department of State (“Department”) records under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has identified two additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that both records must be withheld in their entirety.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. The records withheld in full is exempt from release pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5).

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may contact Jeremy S. Simon at (202) 252-2528 or Jeremy.Simon@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, F-2014-06088, and the civil action number, 18-cv-02335, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diamonece Hickson', written over a light blue grid background.

Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated