

# **United States Department of State**

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 3, 2022

Case No. FL-2014-06088

Mr. Jason I. Poblete Poblete Tamargo LLP Courthouse Square 510 King Street, Suite 350 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mr. Poblete:

We refer you to our letter dated September 1, 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 may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

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 <a href="Jeremy.Simon@usdoj.gov">Jeremy.Simon@usdoj.gov</a>. Please refer to the case number, F-2014-06088, and the civil action number, 18-cv-02335, in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch

Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

## The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

#### FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
  - 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
  - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
  - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
  - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
  - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
  - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
  - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
  - (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
  - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

### Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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El Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores saluda atentamente a la Honorable Embajada de los Estados Unidos de América, y en relación con la Nota No. 172/94 del Departamento de Estado, del 20 de junio de 2016, tiene a bien proponer que la segunda reunión sobre las reclamaciones mutuas, tenga lugar el 28 de julio de 2016, reservando el día 29 de julio por si fuese necesario continuar la sesión.

El Ministerio desea trasladar al Departamento de Estado, por

conducto de esa Embajada, la siguiente propuesta de agenda:				

A la Honorable Embajada de los Estados Unidos de América, La Habana



El Ministerio desea informar que la delegación cubana a esta reunión estará integrada por:

- Abelardo Moreno Fernández, Viceministro del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores. Jefe de la Delegación.
- Manuel de Jesús Pirez Pérez, Director de Derecho Internacional de la Dirección General de Asuntos Multilaterales y Derecho Internacional, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores.
- Johana Odriozola Guitart, Directora Jurídica del Ministerio de Economía y Planificación.
- 4. Alejandro García del Toro, Jefe del Departamento de Asuntos Legales y Análisis de la Dirección General de Estados Unidos, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores.
- 5. Rafael Pino Bécquer, Funcionario de la Dirección de Derecho Internacional de la Dirección General de Asuntos Multilaterales y Derecho Internacional, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores.
- Yuliesky Vigoa Barzaga, Funcionario del Departamento de Asuntos Políticos y Económicos de la Dirección General de Estados Unidos, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores.
- 7. Michael Krinsky, Abogado Principal del Bufete Rabinowitz, Boudin, Standard, Lieberman and Krinsky, P.C.
- 8. Funcionario de la Embajada, pendiente de confirmar.
- Juan Carlos Saladré Despaigne, Traductor-Interprete, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores.

El Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores aprovecha la ocasión para reiterar a la Honorable Embajada de los Estados Unidos de América, el testimonio de su alta consideración.

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## Republic of Cuba Ministry of Foreign Relations United States Desk

Embassy of the United States of America Havana

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Havana, July 21, 2016

The Ministry of Foreign Relations presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and, with reference to Department of State note No. 172/94 of June 20, 2016, proposes that the second meeting on mutual claims take place on July 28, 2016, and continue on July 29 if necessary.

The Ministry wishes to transmit to the Department of State, through the Embassy, the following draft agenda:



The Ministry wishes to report that the Cuban delegation to this meeting will be composed of the following members:

- Abelardo Moreno Fernández, Deputy Minister of Foreign Relations, Head of Delegation;
- Manuel de Jesús Pirez Pérez, Director of International Law, Multilateral Affairs and International Law Desk, Ministry of Foreign Relations;
- 3. Johana Odriozola Guitart, Legal Director, Ministry of Economy and Planning;
- 4. Alejandro García del Toro, Chief, Department of Legal Affairs and Analysis, United States Desk, Ministry of Foreign Relations;
- Rafael Pino Bécquer, Staff Member, Office of International Law, Multilateral Affairs and International Law Desk, Ministry of Foreign Relations;
- Yuliesky Vigoa Barzaga, Staff Member, Department of Political and Economic Affairs, United States Desk, Ministry of Foreign Relations;
- 7. Michael Krinsky, Principal Attorney, Law Firm of Rabinowitz, Boudin, Standard, Krinsky & Lieberman, P.C.;
- 8. An Embassy official, TBD;
- Juan Carlos Saladré Despaigne, Translator and Interpreter, Ministry of Foreign Relations.

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