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Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

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SENT VIA FACSIMILIE TO: 212-614-6499

Ms. Katherine Gallagher
Staff Attorney
Center for Constitutional Rights
666 Broadway, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10012

Re: **DHS/OS/PRIV 10-0284**

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated June 30, 2010 and received in this office July 8, 2010. You requested eight broad categories of records pertaining to a May 31, 2010 Israeli military operation that occurred in international waters in the Mediterranean Sea involving a six-boat flotilla headed to Gaza with humanitarian supplies, including the U.S.-registered "Challenger I" and the Comoros-registered "Mavi Marmara," which was forcefully intercepted by the Israel Defense Forces, resulting in the death of 9 passengers on board the Mavi Marmara, including one U.S. citizen, and the injury of many more.

Based on the limited information provided in your request, I am unable to determine where to direct your request within this department. The information provided in your request seems to suggest that this may be a matter under the purview of the Department of State.

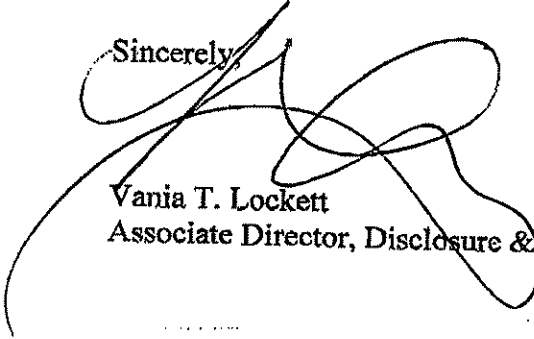
Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason, §5.3(b) of the DHS regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, and subject matter of the records, if known, or the DHS component or office you believe created and/or controls the record. The FOIA does not require an agency to create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records.

Please resubmit your request containing a reasonable description of the records you are seeking. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request.

If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed. Please be advised that this action is not a denial of your request and will not preclude you from filing other requests in the future.

Your request has been assigned reference number **DHS/OS/PRIV 10-0824**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. You may contact this office at 866-431-0486 or at 703-235-0790.

Sincerely,



Vania T. Lockett
Associate Director, Disclosure & FOIA Operations

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