



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Case Number: 201004163 SESCRI

Ms. Katherine Gallagher  
Center for Constitutional rights  
666 Broadway, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10012

SEP 20 2011

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

In response to your request dated June 30, 2010 under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552), we initiated searches of the following Department of State record systems: the Central Foreign Policy Records (the principal record system of the Department of State), the records of the Executive Secretariat, the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, the Bureau of Consular Affairs Overseas Citizens Services, and the Tel Aviv American Embassy.

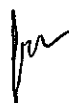
By letter dated August 28, 2011, we informed you that a search of the Executive Secretariat was completed. From that search, two documents were referred to another government office for further review to assist us in making a final determination.

After review of these two documents, it has been determined that they must be withheld in full. Of the documents withheld in full, one was withheld under exemption (b)(1) and both were withheld under exemption (b)(5).

As these records are subject to pending litigation, there is no administrative appeal available. See 22 CFR § 171.52(a).

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant U.S. Attorney John Clopper at (202) 673-2716 or [John.Clopper@usdoj.gov](mailto:John.Clopper@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

 Alex Galovich  
Co-Director, Acting  
Office of Information Programs and Services