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### **Documents from Embassy Tel Aviv**

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C05728068	Handwritten	2	Undated	Department of State ("DOS")	Denied in	(b)(5),
C05727375	Notes	1		employee	Full	Deliberative
					("DIF")	Process
						Privilege
						("DPP")

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents consist of handwritten notes by the Embassy Tel Aviv Division Chief for the Consular Section, American Citizens Services ("ACS"), regarding the personal effects of flotilla passengers. The Department withheld these documents in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision on how to locate and return the personal effects, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible government officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18750503	Cable	2	05/25/2011	U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv/Department	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(b)
C18750130			05/24/2011			and (d)

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are two versions of a cable from Embassy Tel Aviv to the Department reporting on possible upcoming flotillas and plans for dealing with future flotilla participants. Document C18750503 is an unnumbered draft of C18750130; the text of the two cables is identical. The documents were originally and are currently classified SECRET, under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld these documents in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would

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cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18750131	Email	3	05/24-06/09/2011	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(b)
						and (d);
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**DESCRIPTION**: This document in an intra-agency email exchange regarding a possible upcoming flotilla on the anniversary of the 2010 Gaza Flotilla. It was originally and is currently classified SECRET, No Foreign Dissemination ("NOFORN"), under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision on how the U.S. Government should address future flotillas, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action.

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C18750125	Draft Cable	5	05/31/2010	Embassy Tel Aviv/DOS	Released	(b)(6)			
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0890-94)					("RIP")				

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a draft of a cable from the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv to the Department, discussing the Government of Israel's ("GOI") response to the Gaza flotilla incident. This document was originally denied in full, but while preparing this Vaughn index the Department found that further information may be released in this document and released it on October 17, 2016. The Department released this in part, under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). The Department withheld the names and titles of the Israeli officials who provided a briefing to the foreign ambassadors on the GOI's interdiction of the Gaza flotilla, because release of this information could subject the individuals to harassing inquiries and would shed no light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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### Documents from the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor ("DRL")

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C18749587	Draft Paper	3	01/20/2011	Bureau of European Affairs	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d); (b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a draft of a paper prepared by the Bureau of European Affairs ("EUR") on Turkey-Israel bilateral relations. The document was originally and is currently classified SECRET/NOFORN, under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld the draft paper in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld information reflects draft text, together with editing comments and suggested red-line edits. Release of this draft, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the paper, would reveal details of Department official's preliminary thoughts and ideas regarding what information to include in the paper, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are crafting a paper for Department principals. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the

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document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
C18749594	Draft Paper	4	05/18/2011	Bureau of European Affairs	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d); (b)(5) DPP		

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a draft of a paper prepared by the Bureau of European Affairs ("EUR") on Turkey-Israel bilateral relations. The document was originally and is currently classified SECRET/NOFORN, under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld the draft paper in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld information reflects draft text, including proposed red-line edits and editing comments. Release of this draft, which is predecisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the paper, would reveal details of Department official's preliminary thoughts and ideas regarding what information to include in the paper, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are crafting a paper for Department principals. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18749595	Draft Letter	3	02/25/2011	Richard R. Verma/Darrell E. Essa	DIF	(b)(5) DPP	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is a draft letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Richard Verma, to the Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Darrell Issa, regarding the Mavi Marmara incident. The Department withheld the draft letter in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld information reflects draft text, including proposed red-line edits. Release of this draft, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the letter, would reveal details of Department official's preliminary thoughts and ideas regarding what information to include in the letter, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are drafting a letter for signature by a senior Department official. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.							
C18749606	Draft Talking Points	2	09/29/2010	Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor	DIF	(b)(5) DPP	

**DESCRIPTION**: This document consists of draft talking points for U.S. Ambassador Donahoe regarding the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the draft talking points in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege to protect the official's preliminary thoughts and opinions, the release of which could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy related to official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments

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regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
C18749608	Draft Info. Memo.	3	09/17/2010	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is a draft information memorandum from DRL employees to the Assistant Secretary for DRL, Michael Posner, regarding Goldstone and Gaza flotilla issues. The Department withheld the draft memorandum in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this draft, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the memorandum, would reveal details of Department official's preliminary thoughts and ideas regarding what information to include in the memorandum, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials formulating a strategy related to official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
C18749624 C18749625	Draft Press Guidance	3 2	10/14/2010	Bureau of International Organizations	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : These documents are two versions of draft press guidance prepared by the Bureau of International Organizations ("IO") regarding a complaint filed by Turkish lawyers with the International Criminal Court in connection with the 2010 Gaza flotilla. The withheld information reflects draft text and document C18749625 contains proposed red-line edits. The Department withheld the draft press guidance in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege, because disclosure this information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the preliminary thoughts and opinions relating to a								

draft statement regarding a sensitive matter, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and

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recommendations that occurs when Department officials are crafting press guidance. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
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C05577770	Cable	8	04/05/2011	Department/Multiple U.S. Embassies and Consulates	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d); (b)(5) DPP		
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to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld the draft cable in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this draft, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to how to present the U.S. Government position on this flotilla, would reveal details of Department official's preliminary thoughts and ideas regarding what information to include in these materials, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating as strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
C0557774	Cable	11	07/18/2013	U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv/Department	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(d)		
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is a cable regarding US-Israeli relations. The document was originally and is currently classified SECRET/NOFORN, under E.O. 13,526, section 1.4(d), which pertains to foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document in part under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). Disclosure of this information at this time could have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security.								
C05903760	Draft Statement	2	undated	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		

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<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is a draft of a statement to be given by Ambassador Donohoe for the Human Rights Council special session on June 1, 2010, regarding the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the draft statement in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld information reflects draft text, together with extensive editing comments and suggested red-line edits. Release of this draft, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the statement, would reveal preliminary thoughts and opinions regarding a sensitive international incident and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.							
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C05903791	Draft Statement	1	Undated	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP	

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a draft of a statement to be given before the United Nations Security Council by State Department Officials, regarding the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the draft statement in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this draft, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the statement, would reveal preliminary thoughts and opinions regarding a sensitive international incident and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05903797	Explanation	1	Undated	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP
C05903806	of Vote	1				
C05903829		2				
C05903833		2				
C05903831		2				
C05903836		2				

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are multiple versions of a draft "Explanation of Vote" on the "The Grave Attacks by Israeli Forces Against the Humanitarian Boat Convoy." Documents C05903797 and C05903806 are exact duplicates. The Department withheld the drafts in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld information reflects draft text, including suggested red-line edits. Release of these drafts, which are pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the Explanation, would reveal details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action in response to a serious international event. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05903805	Draft Statement	2	Undated	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a draft statement for use by the US Delegation in the Council Chamber on May 31, 2010, regarding the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the draft text in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this draft, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the statement, would reveal details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action in response to a serious international event. Disclosure of this information would

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C05903886	Draft Options Paper	5	Undated	DOS Office of the Legal Adviser	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		
the draft text Release of this paper, would and frank expl official action Department o of recommend pursuant to at providing lega The Departme	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This document is a draft options paper for an investigation of the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the draft text in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process and attorney-client privileges. Release of this draft, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the options paper, would reveal details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action in response to a serious international event. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, the documents have been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between an attorney and his client for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.							
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C05905337 C05905338	Draft Note Email	6	Undated 07/30/2010	Office of the Legal Adviser/Secretary of State DOS attorney/DOS officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		

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	Resolution					

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a draft "Resolution" for the U.N. Human Rights Council following up on the report of the "Independent International Fact Finding Commission." The Department withheld the draft text in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld information reflects draft text, including suggested red-line edits. Release of this draft Resolution, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding its contents, would reveal details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action in response to a serious international event. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and

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C05904913	Paper	5	Undated	Sarah Johnston-Gardner/A/S Posner	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		
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C05904928	Paper	42	Undated	Department of State	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		
The Departme privilege. Disc frank exchang publication. N	<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is a draft of the Department of State 2010 Human Rights Report for Israel and the occupied territories.  The Department withheld the document in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Disclosure of this draft text, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department employees are crafting text intended for eventual publication. Moreover, disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to inhibit candid internal discussion, and the expression of recommendations and judgment, with respect to the wording of Department publications prepared for senior							

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C05904854	Email	2	07/01 – 07/13/2011	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		
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C18750253	Email	1	05/27/2010	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4
C18750255		1	05/27/2010			(b), (d)
C18750257		1	05/28/2010			
C18750284		1	05/31/2010			
C18750288		1	05/31/2010			
C18750318		1	06/02/2010			
C18750320		1	06/02/2010			
C18750322		1	06/02/2010			
C18750818		1	06/02/2010			

**DESCRIPTION**: These nine documents are intra-agency emails transmitting information received from the Government of Israel regarding the May 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. On February 13, 2013, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, the Department classified as CONFIDENTIAL, under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13,526, these documents that had originally been UNCLASSIFIED. The Department withheld these documents in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18750303	Draft Cable	5	05/31/2010	U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv/Department	DIF	(b)(6) DPP		
552(b)(5), pur respect to the reasonably be are formulatin responsible D	<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is a draft cable from Tel Aviv with the subject line "Gaza Flotilla Reaction Update," detailing various reactions in Israel to the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to the contents of the cable, would reveal the details of Department employees' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for addressing a national security matter. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action.							
C18750305	Draft Press Guidance	3	05/31/2010	NEA Public Affairs	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		
regarding the deliberative p communication	2010 Gaza Flot rocess privilege ons with the me	illa. The Depa . Release of t dia, could rea	rtment withheld the do the withheld informatio sonably be expected to	idance prepared by the Bureau of Near Exament under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S. (on, which is pre-decisional and deliberative chill the open and frank exchange of ide per official action. The Department condu	C. 552 (b)(5) prove regarding as and recom	mendations		

the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated

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C18750345	Cable	3	08/10/2011	Department/U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv	DIF	(b)(5) DPP
C18750347		3	08/10/2011			
C18750416		3	08/15/2011			

DESCRIPTION: These document are three versions of a draft cable from the Department to the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv requesting that the Embassy seek details surrounding the May 2010 Gaza flotilla incident, including the death of Furkan Dogan. The Department withheld these documents in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld information reflects draft text and, for document C18750345, red-line edits. Release of these draft texts, which are pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal details of the Department officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas regarding what information to include in the cable, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for addressing an international incident. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18750357	Email	1	06/10/2010	DOS employees	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4
C18750358	Email Attach	27	06/10/2010			(b), (d)
C18750361	Email	1	06/14/2010			
C18750362	Email Attach	12	Undated			
C18750368	Email	1	07/15/2010			
C18750369	Email Attach	5	07/14/2010			

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are intra-agency emails with an attachment transmitting information received from the Government of Israel regarding the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. On February 14, 2013, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, the Department classified as CONFIDENTIAL, under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13,526, these documents that had originally been UNCLASSIFIED. The Department withheld these documents in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy.

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Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released. t

C18750371	Dip. Note	2	09/15/2010	Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs ("MFA")/U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4 (b), (d)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a Diplomatic Note from the Government of Israel, regarding the return of the personal effects of persons who were on board the flotilla to Gaza. On February 14, 2013, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, the Department classified this document as CONFIDENTIAL, under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13,526. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), pursuant to E.O. 13,526 sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States. The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Moreover, disclosure of this document could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18750374	Draft Letter	2	Undated	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		
DESCRIPTION	· This documer	t is a draft of	l a letter from the Manas	I ging Director of the Office of Overseas Ci	l tizens Service	l s responding		
				ere aboard the Gaza flotilla. The Departi				
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		•		dits. Release of this draft text, which is				
				s of the letter, would reveal details of the				
	•		•	ude in the letter, and could reasonably b	•			
and frank expi	ression of ideas	, recommenda	ations, and opinions tha	at occur when Department officials are d	rafting a lette	r for signature		
by a senior De	partment offici	al. Disclosure	of this information wo	uld also impede the ability of responsible	Department	officials to		
formulate and	carry out exec	utive branch p	programs by inhibiting c	andid internal discussion and the expres	sion of recom	mendations		
and judgment	s regarding a p	referred cours	e of action. The Depart	ment conducted a thorough review of th	ne document	and		
determined th	nat there is no a	ndditional mea	ningful, non-exempt in	formation that may be reasonably segre	gated and rele	eased.		
C18750376	Draft Press	2	2011	Office of the Spokesman	DIF	(b)(5) DPP		
C18750377	Release	2				(-/(-/		

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are two versions of a draft Press Release marking the one year anniversary of the Gaza flotilla. The Department withheld the draft press releases in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld information is draft text prepared for release by the Office of the Spokesman. Document C18750377 also contains proposed revisions, red-line edits, and reviewer comments. Release of these draft texts, which are pre-decisional and deliberative, with respect to a final decision regarding the contents and release date of the Press Release, would reveal details of the Department officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas regarding what information to include in the Press Release, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are drafting an official Department Press Release. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of

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recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.									
C18750378	Email	4	04/26-04/27/2011	DOS/Interagency officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP			
FOIA Exemption which are pre- expected to clude are crafting are responsible Double the expression review of the segregated and	<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is an interagency email exchange containing internal deliberations regarding proposed responses to a list of questions that arose from a press Question and Answer session on Israel. The Department withheld the document in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of these proposed draft responses, which are pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal details of the officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when U.S. Government officials are crafting an official an official response to a press inquiry. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
C18750414 C18750422	Draft Memo	3	06/04/2010	DOS officials/Secretary of State	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4 (b),(d); (b)(5), DPP			
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : These documents are two versions of a draft information memo for the Secretary, discussing U.S. diplomatic interaction with the other governments in the weeks prior to the 2010 Gaza flotilla The documents were originally classified CONFIDENTIAL under E.O. 12,958, as amended and is currently and properly classified CONFIDENTIAL under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d). The Department withheld these documents in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain									

information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of

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Governments	could reasonab	oly be expected	d to be less willing in th	e future to furnish information importan	t to the cond	uct of U.S.			
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C18750515	Email	5	06/01-06/02/2010	DOS officials/DOD officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4			
						(d); (b)(3);			

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange, discussing the 2010 Gaza flotilla. The document was originally classified SECRET/NOFORN under E.O. 12,958, as amended and is currently classified SECRET/NOFORN under E.O. 13,526, section 1.4(d). The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), because disclosure of this information at this time could have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld portions of the document under Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130b, because this information consists of the names, titles, or contact information of persons employed by the Department of Defense, which are specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The

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C18750643	List	4	04/18 - 04/29/2011	Several US Embassies/SECSTATE	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(b),
						(d)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a list of Department cables with summary information regarding possible participation by citizens of various foreign countries in a 2011 "anniversary" Gaza flotilla. The document was originally and is currently classified SECRET under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d). The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18750647	Email	1	06/22/2011	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(c), (d)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is intra-agency email, discussing possible international response to a planned flotilla to Gaza. It was originally and is currently classified SECRET, under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(c) and (d), which pertain to intelligence activities, sources or methods, and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The withheld information, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to lead to the unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods, and could enable foreign governments or persons or entities opposed to United States foreign policy objectives to undertake countermeasures that could frustrate the ability of the U.S. Government to acquire information necessary to the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18750691	Email	2	06/03/2010	DOD officials/DOS officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(d)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange discussing movement of vessels toward Gaza. It was originally classified SECRET/NOFORN under E.O. 12,958, as amended, and is currently classified SECRET/NOFORN, under E.O. 13,526, section 1.4(d), which pertains to foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18750699	Email	3	06/07/2010	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email transmitting a cable from Ankara, Turkey to the Department, discussing international responses to the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. he document was originally classified SECRET/NOFORN under E.O. 12,958, as amended and is currently classified as SECRET/NOFORN under E.O. 13,526, section 1.4(d). The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18750714	Email	6	08/19-08/24/2010	DOS officials/DOD officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (c),(d); (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b and 10 U.S.C. § 130c; (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange, discussing the U.S.-Israeli relations and a possible flotilla to a country other than Israel. The document was originally classified SECRET/NOFORN under E.O. 12,958, as amended and is currently classified SECRET/NOFORN under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4 (b), (c), and (d). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to

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believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. The withheld information, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to lead to the unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods, and could enable foreign governments or persons or entities opposed to United States foreign policy objectives to undertake countermeasures that could frustrate the ability of the U.S. Government to acquire information necessary to the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld portions of this document under FOIA Exemption 3, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130b, because this information consists of the names, titles, or contact information of persons employed by DoD, which are specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department also withheld certain DoD information under FOIA Exemption 3, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130c, because this information consists of sensitive information of foreign governments, which is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department also withheld the names, email addresses, and contact information of non-DOS officials under to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information i							
C18750846	Email	3	07/24-07/26/2010	Interagency officials/DOS officials/DOD officials	DIF	b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b and 10 U.S.C. § 130c; (b)(5), (b)(6)	

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange, discussing a possible flotilla to Gaza and suggested actions to be taken. The Department also withheld portions of this document under FOIA Exemption 3, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130b, because this

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information consists of the names, titles, or contact information of persons employed by DoD, which are specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department also withheld certain DoD information under FOIA Exemption 3, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130c, because this information consists of sensitive information of foreign governments, which is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department also withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege, because release of this information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action regarding an international security matter. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department also withheld the names, email addresses, and contact information of non-DOS officials under to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18750911	Email	5	04/29/2011	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4 (b), (d)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email transmitting a cable from Tel Aviv to the Department, discussing US-Israeli relations and a possible 2011 anniversary Gaza flotilla. The document was originally and is currently classified CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d). The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the

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United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
C18750918	Email	3	07/06/2011	James N Miller/Jeffrey D Feltman	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4 (b), (d); (b)(6)		

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email transmitting a cable from the U.S. Embassy in Paris to the Department, reporting vessels headed toward Gaza. he document was originally and is currently classified SECRET/NOFORN under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d). The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld portions of this document, under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). The Department withheld the names of the passengers on the vessel, because release of this information could subject the individuals to unsolicited attention and harassing inquiries and would shed no light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18750397 (StateDept1 0897-98)	Cable	2	05/13/2010	Embassy Tel Aviv/DOS	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d)

DESCRIPTION: This document is cable from the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv to the Department, discussing possible international responses to a planned flotilla to Gaza by the "Free Gaza Movement." It is currently classified CONFIDENTIAL, under E.O. 13526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information; intelligence activities, sources or methods; and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18750418	Memo	3	06/03/2010	Inter-agency Officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4
						(b), (d); (b)(5)
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**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a June 3, 2010, record of action items and considerations developed by an inter-agency working group regarding the Gaza flotilla of May 2010, and the Israeli interdiction. The document was originally classified CONFIDENTIAL under E.O. 12,958, as amended and is currently classified CONFIDENTIAL under E.O. 13526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less

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reveal the details of Department employees' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18750434	Memo	3	06/08/2011	Inter-agency Officials	DIF	(b)(1), 1.4
						(b), (d); (b)(5) DPP
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**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a June 8, 2011, record of action items and considerations developed by an inter-agency working group regarding the Gaza flotilla of May, 2010, and a potential 2011 flotilla. The document was originally and is currently classified SECRET under E.O. 13526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process

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privilege. Release of this information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision on how the U.S. Government should address future flotillas, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18751330	Email	5	05/31/2010- 06/01/2010	DOS Officials/Inter-agency officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

DESCRIPTION: This document is an inter-agency e-mail communication between and amongst DOS officials, including DOS Attorneys, and other agency officials with respect to a draft explanation of vote regarding a resolution before the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland and a draft statement regarding the 2010 Gaza Flotilla. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to what to include in both statements could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, the document has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18751333	Note	3	Undated	DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

**Description:** This document is an informal policy paper with recommendations regarding the U.S. response into Israeli investigations by an Israeli team of experts and a special independent public commission regarding the 2010 Gaza Flotilla. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and

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31, 2010, Overview of Considerations." The Department withheld the document in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process. Release of this document, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal details of the Department attorneys' preliminary thoughts and ideas, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions in counseling Department officials. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, the document has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between an attorney and his client for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
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documents under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to the Departments analysis and response to this Report, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, the documents have been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between an attorney and his client for the purpose of seeking legal advice regarding the Report. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05128497	Email	1	09/22/2010	DOS Officials/Inter-agency officials	DIF	(b)(1); b(5) DPP

Description: This document is an inter-agency e-mail communication between and among DOS officials, including officials from USUN, DRL and DOS Attorneys, and other agency officials. On August 2, 2012, this document was classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13526, under section 1.4(d) of E.O. 13526, which pertain to foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The inability of the United States to maintain confidentiality regarding it diplomatic exchanges would inevitably chill relations with other governments, and could reasonably be expected to damage U.S. national security by diminishing our access to vital sources of information. Release of this classified information has the potential to inject friction into, or cause damage to our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. For these reasons, the release of this information withheld could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the national security. The Department also withheld portions of this document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to the Department's analysis and response to the received information could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official

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C05126955	Email	1	08/24/2010	DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(1)				
Description: This document is an intra-agency email communication among DOS officials, including officials from NEA, USUN, the Bureau of International Organizations ("IO"), and the Department's Mission to the UN, discussing the UN Human Rights Council Fact Finding Mission regarding the Gaza Flotilla. On August 30, 2012, this document was classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13526, under section 1.4(b) and (d) E.O. 13526, which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, a bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. Additionally, release of this information would reveal confidential sources and reasonably could be expected to risk the safety of those confidential sources. Failure to preserve the expected confidentiality could jeopardize future access not only to the sources of the withheld information, but also to others who might provide sensitive information to U.S. officials that is important to U.S. national security interests. For these reasons, the release of the foreign government information withheld in this case could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningfu										
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**Description:** This document is a draft analysis of international legal issues that might arise out of the 2010 Gaza flotilla and possible responses by the U.S. to this incident. The Department withheld this documents under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and

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deliberative regarding the Department's response to the flotilla incident, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action.  Additionally, the document has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between an attorney and his client for the purpose of providing legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.										
C05127191	Talking Points	14	07/08/2010	DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP				
<b>Description:</b> This document is a preparatory set of talking points for Andrew J. Shapiro, Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs for use at a discussion regarding Israel at the Brookings Center. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding the representation of the Department's views at a public forum, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.										
C05128794	Draft Statement	3	Undated	DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP, ACP				
<b>Description:</b> This document is a DOS draft statement to be given before the UN Security Council regarding Israeli and Palestinian relations as well as the maintenance of stability and security in Lebanon drafted by IO and sent to Department Attorneys for their										

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C05129353	Draft Talking	6	Undated	DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP	
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Description: This document is a draft set of talking points regarding a strategic dialogue between the United States and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights related to policies concerning Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. The Department withheld this document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § § 552(b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding the course of the US's engagement with this body during this dialogue, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05129585	Draft	2	Undated	DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP, ACP
C05141764	Statement	2	Undated			

**Description:** These documents are draft Explanation of Votes explaining the US position regarding a Human Rights Council resolution to initiate an investigation of the flotilla incident. These documents contain redline edits from DOS attorney(s). The Department withheld these documents under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative respect to the U.S.'s position on this vote, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, these documents have been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking legal advice regarding the content of this statement. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05129884	Talking Points	3	Undated	DOS officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP

**Description:** This document is a draft set of talking points drafted by NEA to prepare for media communications regarding the Turkel Commission Report. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding the Department's media response, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The

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Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
C05135615	E-mail	4	05/31/2010-	DOS Official/DOS Attorneys/	DIF	(b)(1);		
C05141723		4	06/1/2010	Foreign Government Officials		(b)(5) DPP, ACP		

Description: These documents are email communications containing a discussion regarding a UN Human Rights Council resolution related to the 2010 Gaza Flotilla. Portions of these e-mail chains contain communications with a foreign government regarding this resolution. On August 2, 2012, portions of these documents were classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13526 under section 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13526, which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. For these reasons, the release of the foreign government information withheld in this case could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the national security, and this information is currently and properly classified pursuant to Section 1.4(b) and 1.4(d) of E.O. 13,526 and exempt from release under Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The Department also withheld portions of this document that contain intra-agency e-mail communications, including DOS Attorneys, regarding the U.S.'s position on this resolution under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding the U.S.'s response, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, portions of the document have been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking legal advice regarding the

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C05135653	Draft Paper	5	June 2012	DOS Attorneys/DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP, ACP				
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C05135988	Email	4	06/02/2010	DOS Attorneys/ DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP, ACP
C05141032	Draft version	4	Undated	DOS Attorneys		
C05329640	of E-mail	4	Undated	DOS Attorneys		
C05330957		3	Undated	DOS Attorneys		
C05329734		4	Undated	DOS Attorneys		

Description: These documents are legal analyses of Israeli positions and applicable international law regarding the Israeli blockade. The Department withheld the documents under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Document C05141032, C05329640, C05330957, and C05329734 are draft versions of the text of the e-mail found in document C05135988 containing red-line edits and comments. Release of the withheld information, which is predecisional and deliberative regarding the U.S. position on these legal theories, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, the documents have been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between an attorney and his client for the purpose of providing legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05140819	Press Guidance	2	10/04/2010	DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP

**Description:** This document is an IO press guidance regarding a complaint by Turkey to the International Criminal Court in relation to the 2010 Gaza Flotilla. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding communications with the medias, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05140841	Draft Paper	5	Undated	DOS Attorneys	DIF	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

**Description:** This document is a draft legal analysis of possible UN investigative and reporting models on matters related to international peace and security drafted by DOS Attorneys. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and the attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding the U.S. Government position on different reporting models and the contents of this paper, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, the document has been withheld pursuant to the attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their client for the purpose of providing legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05141536	Draft Press Guidance	3	05/31/10	DOS Officials	DIF	(b)(5) DPP

**Description:** This document is a draft NEA press guidance regarding 2010 Gaza Flotilla The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding communications with the medias, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05141723	Email	4	05/31/10- 06/01/16	DOS Officials/DOS Attorneys/ Foreign Government Officials	DIF	(b)(1); (b)(5) DPP, ACP

**Description:** This document is an email chain discussing legal issues and options regarding a resolution before the UN for an investigation of the flotilla incident. The document is classified CONFIDENTIAL, under E.O. 13526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, a number of our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security, including some in which public opinion might not currently favor close cooperation with the United States. The Department also withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) pursuant to the

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deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, the document has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between an attorney and his client for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05329848	Paper	4	Undated	DOS Attorneys	DIF	(b)(5) DPP, ACP
C05330412	Paper	3				
C05330611	Paper	4				

Description: These documents are different versions of summaries of DOS Attorneys' work regarding the 2010 Gaza Flotilla and Gaza, including summaries of legal analyses of issues related to these topics and summaries of possible legal and diplomatic positions and questions considered by the U.S. Government. Document C05330611 contains redline edits made by DOS attorneys. The Department withheld these documents under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and the attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding the U.S. Government position on these issues and the contents of the paper, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. Additionally, these documents have been withheld pursuant to the attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of providing legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably

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C05332013	Draft Paper	5	Undated	DOS Attorneys	DIF	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

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there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

**Description:** This document is a draft analysis of international legal issues surrounding the flotilla incident containing red-line edits and comments from Department attorneys. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and the attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding the legal analysis in the document and the contents of the paper, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of

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Description: This document is a draft of a resolution of the UN Human Rights Council initiating an investigation of actions taken by Israel against a flotilla of ships bound for Gaza reflecting proposed edits by other international organizations. On October 24, 2016, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13526, the Department classified portions of this document as CONFIDENTIAL under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13526, which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States. The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18750305	Draft Press Guidance	3	05/31/2010	DOS Official-A Sayles	DIF	(b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION:** This document contains talking points and press guidance prepared by the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs ("NEA") regarding the 2010 Gaza Flotilla. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding communications with the media, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18749624	Note	3	10/14/2010	DOS Official-K Cooper	DIF	(b)(5) DPP

**Description:** This document contains talking points and press guidance prepared by the Bureau of International Organization Affairs ("IO") regarding a complaint filed with the International Criminal Court by Turkish families of Gaza Flotilla participants. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding communications with the media, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18749625	Draft Note	2	10/14/2010	DOS Official-K Cooper	DIF	(b)(5) DPP

**Description:** This document is a draft of C18749624, containing talking points and press guidance prepared by IO regarding a complaint filed with the International Criminal Court by Turkish families of Gaza Flotilla participants. The Department withheld the document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05330138		5		State		
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**Description:** These documents are drafts of a Note for the Secretary providing the author's analysis and recommendations regarding investigations, Israeli and international, of the 2010 Gaza Flotilla incident. The Department withheld these documents under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and attorney client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the possible U.S. and international responses to the Gaza flotilla incident to be taken by the Department and the contents of the note itself, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Additionally, information in this document was withheld pursuant to the attorney-client privilege to protect communications between an attorney and his client for the purpose of providing legal advice. These communications were intended

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C05135991 (StateDept4 362-72)	Email	11	05/31/2010- 06/01/2010	DOS officials/DOS attorneys/DoD officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP; (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b and 10 U.S.C. § 130c; (b)(6)		

Description: This document is an inter-agency email exchange with the subject line "L Comments on MFA flotilla briefing," in which DOS and DOD officials discuss issues arising out of a briefing by the Israeli officials on the Gaza flotilla incident and discuss applicable legal authorities. The Department withheld the documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is predecisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. The Department also withheld the names of DoD employees under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 103b, because this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department also withheld certain DoD information under FOIA Exemption 3, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130c, because this information consists of sensitive information of foreign governments, which is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department also withheld the names of Israeli officials under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment and unwanted attention and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18749560 (StateDept 320-24)	Options Paper	5	Undated	DOS Officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

**Description:** This document is a paper entitled "Options Paper for an Investigation of the Flotilla Incident" providing the author's analysis and recommendations regarding possible models for both Israeli and international investigations of the 2010 Gaza Flotilla incident. The Department withheld parts of this document under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(5) pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05135952 (StateDept 3109-11)	Email	3	05/31/2010	DOS officials/DoD officials	RIP	(b)(6); (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b

**Description:** This document is an email exchange with the subject line "MOD Flotilla Brief..." disseminating statements made by Israeli Defense Ministry personnel regarding the 2010 Gaza Flotilla incident.. The Department withheld the email address of a non-DOS employee under to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department also withheld the email addresses of DoD employees under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130b, because this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by

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C18749564 (StateDept2 0-21)	Info. Memo	2	06/04/2010	Bureaus of Near Eastern Affairs and European Affairs	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a draft of a paper prepared by the Bureaus of Near Eastern Affairs ("NEA") and European Affairs ("EUR") on "U.S. Government Contact Regarding the Free Gaza Flotilla Prior to Its Interdiction by the Israeli Navy." This document was originally and is currently classified CONFIDENTIAL, under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld portions of this document under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18750307 (StateDept 1169-71)	Email	3	06/01/2010	DOS/National Security Council ("NSC")	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange among DOS and National Security Council officials discussing Israel's intention to deport most of the detainees from the Gaza flotilla ships except those suspected of attacking Israeli military personnel.

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C18750344 (StateDept1 223)	Email	1	06/04/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email discussing the content of a proposed demarche on the Free Gaza Flotilla. The Department released this document in part, under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal preliminary thoughts and opinions regarding the content of the proposed demarche and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action.

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C18750431 (StateDept1 361-65)	Paper	5	06/15/2010	Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d); (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a draft of a paper prepared by the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs ("NEA") to prepare the Secretary of State for a meeting with the Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren. The document was originally and is currently classified SECRET/NOFORN, under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department withheld this document in full under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld the draft paper in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this draft, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the paper, would reveal details of Department official's preliminary thoughts and ideas regarding what information to include in the paper, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are crafting a paper for Department principals. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department also withheld the identity of a U.S. citizen who was injured during the Gaza flotilla incident under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could subject the individual to unsolicited attention and harassing inquiries and would shed no light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18749623 (StateDept1 393-96)	Email	4	10/19 – 10/20/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange discussing draft press guidance for responding to questions regarding May 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld this document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department employees' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for addressing a national security matter. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18751328	Email	2	06/08/2010	Sarah H Cleveland/Jonathan B	RIP	(b)(5) DPP
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**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email, transmitting a DOS official's proposal for future actions to be taken by the U.S. Government in response to the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld this document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department official's preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for addressing an international incident. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and

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C18750282 (StateDept1 880-84)	Email	5	05/28 – 05/31/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6); (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. §				
C18750286 (StateDept1 889-98)		10				130b				
C18750287 (StateDept1 899-1903)		5								

DESCRIPTION: These documents are inter-agency email exchanges with the subject line, "Draft Points on Free Gaza for GOI," discussing a proposed response to a request from the Government of Israel. The Department withheld the documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this information, which is predecisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld the names and email addresses of Department of Defense ("DOD") employees under Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. In documents C18750286 and C18750287, the Department also

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withheld the names and e-mail addresses of DOD employees under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 103b, because this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.								
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C18750327 (StateDept1 912-13)	Email	2	06/02/2010	DOS/DOD officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6), (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. § 130b		
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the manner in which U.S. ships could be contacted. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld the names and email addresses of DOD employees under Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department also withheld the names and e-mail addresses of DOD employees under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130b, because this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C18751084 (StateDept1 922-27)	Cable	6	05/13/2010	Embassy Tel Aviv/Department	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is a Department cable with the subject line, "Israeli Officials Plan to Block 'Free Gaza' Flotilla." It was originally and is currently classified CONFIDENTIAL, under E.O. 13,526, sections 1.4(b) and (d), which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The Department released this document in part under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18751093 (StateDept1 942-44)	E-mail	3	05/28 – 06/04/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d); (b)(5) DPP
C18751146 (StateDept2 045-47)			05/28 – 06/04/2010			

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are an intra-agency email exchanges with the subject line, "Short-fuse request for info on conversations with Turks pre-flotilla." The documents were originally classified CONFIDENTIAL under E.O. 12958, as amended and are

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implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C18751199	Email	2	02/15/2011	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP,
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**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange forwarding an Official-Informal request for a copy of an article on Furkan Dogan and commenting on strategy for an upcoming meeting. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is predecisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld the names and email addresses of non-DOS employees under to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05128435 (StateDept2 500-01)	Email	2	07/29 – 07/30/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP		
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DESCRIPTION: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "flotilla Note, for comments," discussing the preparation of a Note for the Secretary. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the Note, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are drafting materials for presentation to the Secretary of State. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "FYI - flotilla," commenting on a report prepared the UN Human Rights Commission on the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which contains the author's personal opinions and preliminary assessments, could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action.

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C05128146 (StateDept2 505-06)	Email	2	09/23/2010	DOS Officials-Warren Bass/Suzanne F Nossel	RIP	b(1), 1.4(b), (d)		

**DESCRIPTION**: This document in an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "Israeli embassy on Geneva issues (SBU)." On August 2, 2012, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, the Department classified portions of this document as CONFIDENTIAL under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13,526, which pertains to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States. Portions of this document that had originally been UNCLASSIFIED. The Department withheld this document in part under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05126905 (StateDept2 524-27)	Email	4	08/25/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, NR

DESCRIPTION: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "Urgent Clearance: Revised POTUS Paper on Israel-Related UN Issues," discussing the preparation of a background paper for the President's participation at the UN General Assembly General Debate. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to a final decision regarding the contents of the paper, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are drafting correspondence for the Secretary of State. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "Amb. Rice question on HRC flotilla mission," discussing the preparation of an answer to a question Ambassador Rice had regarding the May 2010 Gaza flotilla. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials crafting a response to a high-level Department official. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department

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DESCRIPTION	: This documen	t is an intra-ag	ency email exchange w	rith the subject line, "LEGAL-#258297-V1	Flotilla_Note	.docx,"			
discussing the	preparation of	a Note for the	Secretary on the Gaza	flotilla. The Department withheld the d	ocument in p	art under FOIA			
Exemption 5,	5 U.S.C. § 552(k	o)(5), pursuant	to the deliberative pro	cess privilege and attorney-client privileg	ge. Release o	f the withheld			
information, v	vhich is pre-ded	cisional and de	liberative, would revea	I the details of U.S. Government officials	preliminary	thoughts and			
ideas and cou	ld reasonably b	e expected to	chill the open and frank	c exchange of ideas and recommendation	ns that occurs	when			
Department o	fficials are draf	ting materials	for presentation to the	Secretary of State. Disclosure of this inf	ormation wo	uld also			
impede the al	oility of respons	sible Departme	ent officials to formulate	e and carry out executive branch prograr	ns by inhibitir	ng candid			
internal discus	ssion and the ex	xpression of re	commendations and ju	dgments regarding preferred courses of	action. Additi	ionally,			
information h	as been withhe	ld pursuant to	attorney-client privileg	ge to protect communications between a	n attorney an	d his client for			
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determined th	nat there is no a	additional mea	ningful, non-exempt in	formation that may be reasonably segre	gated and rele	eased.			
C05129421	Email	3	09/22/2010	DOS Officials-Matthew R	RIP	(b)(5) DPP			
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**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are intra-agency email exchanges discussing the preparation of an Explanation of Vote by the U.S. with respect to the resolution pending before the U.N. Human Rights Counsel regarding the Gaza interdiction and investigation of the flotilla incident of May 31, 2010. The Department withheld these documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive

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branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld a non-state.gov email address of a DOS employee under to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05129604	Email	5	05/31/2010 -	DOS Officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP,
(StateDept2			06/01/2010			(b)(6)
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**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "HRC Gaza resolution – status of negotiations," in which DOS officials discuss the preparation and clearance of a draft statement to be made by Ambassador Donohoe before the U.N. Human Rights Council on the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld the non-state.gov email address of a DOS employee under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05135569 (StateDept3 060-62)	Email	3	06/02 – 06/03/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report," containing a discussion in which DOS employees analyzed the legal options and mechanisms available to the Turkish Government to bring suit against Israel with regard to the Gaza flotilla incident of May 31, 2010. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, regarding the U.S. response to the flotilla incident, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05135570	Email	2	06/02/ –	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP,
(StateDept3			06/03/2010			(b)(6), NR
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**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "Flotilla consular issues," discussing how to respond to a call received from a relative of one of the Gaza flotilla passengers. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department

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officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld the identities of the relative and flotilla passenger under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.							
C05135574 (StateDept3 066-68)	Email	3	06/02/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "IO Guidance on HRC Flotilla Resolution," providing comments on and edits to a Human Rights Council resolution regarding the 2010 Gaza Flotilla. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.							
C05135578 (StateDept3 069-71)	Email	32	06/02/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP. ACP	

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C05140966 (StateDept3 213-14)							
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : These document are intra-agency email exchanges with the subject line, "Blockage emaildraft," providing comments							

DESCRIPTION: These document are intra-agency email exchanges with the subject line, "Blockage email--draft," providing comments on and edits to an email being prepared for Department principals on blockage issues. The Department withheld these documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their client for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. The Department conducted a thorough review of these documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05135610 (StateDept3 075-76)	Email	2	06/02/2010	DOS attorneys/DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchanges with the subject line, "US flagged vessels," providing opinions on the legality of certain actions that could be taken against U.S. flagged vessels. The Department withheld this document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process and attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and

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the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between an attorney and his client for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05135624	Email	4	05/26 – 05/27/2010	DOS officials/DOS	RIP	(b)(5) DPP,
(StateDept3				Attorneys/DOD officials		ACP; (b)(6)
089-92)						

**DESCRIPTION**: This document contains both inter and intra-agency email exchanges with the subject line, "Israel Navy on Free Gaza," discussing how the Department should respond to an Israeli Navy message regarding how it plans to handle the approaching Free Gaza Flotilla. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and the attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information in this document was withheld pursuant to the attorney-client privilege to protect communications between an attorney and his client for the purpose of seeking and providing legal advice. These communications were intended to be kept confidential and that confidentiality has been maintained. The Department also withheld the name and e-mail address of a non-DOS government employee under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in unsolicited attention, unwanted messages, and harassing inquiries and would shed no additional light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05135727 (StateDept3 101-04)	Email	4	06/01 – 06/02/2010	DOS Officials-Daniel Taub/Jonathan B Schwartz	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d); (b)(5) DPP; (b)(6)
C05331087 (StateDept4 808-11)		4	06/01 - 06/08/2010			

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are email exchanges with the subject line, "Flotilla to Gaza Materials" discussing background materials on the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. On November 9, 2012, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, the Department classified as CONFIDENTIAL portions of these documents that had originally been UNCLASSIFIED under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13,526, which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States. The Department withheld these portions under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld the documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld the name and e-mail address of a foreign official under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in unsolicited attention, unwanted messages, and harassing inquiries and would shed no additional light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted

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C05135987 (StateDept3 112)	Email	1	06/03/2010	DOS attorneys/DOS Officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP			
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C05135989 (StateDept3 113-16)	Email	4	06/02/2010	DOS attorneys/officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP			

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DESCRIPTION:	This documen	t is an intra-ag	ency email exchange w	ith the subject line, "Gaza email," in which	ch DOS officia	als and		
attorneys disc	uss the possible	e legal justifica	itions for Israel's action	s in connection with the Gaza flotilla inci	dent in order	to advise a		
senior department official. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to								
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attorneys discuss the possible legal justifications for Israel's actions in connection with the Gaza flotilla incident in order to advise a senior department official. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05136077 (StateDept3 133-34)	Email	2	10/15/2010	DOS	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "urgent – flotilla – D question," in which DOS officials discuss language for DOS comments on 2010 Gaza flotilla incident in the context of the International Criminal Court. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05136083 (StateDept3 143-44)	Email	2	06/04/2010 – 06/07/2010	DOS employees	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "investigation paper," in which DOS officials discuss and provide comments on a paper on the UN Secretary General's Investigation of the flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld the non-state.gov e-mail addresses of DOS employees under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in unsolicited attention, unwanted messages, and harassing inquiries and would shed no additional light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05136105 (StateDept3 160-61)	Email	2	06/03/2010	Denis R McDonough/Various	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "Conference Call: Deceased confirmed as Amcit," in which DOS officials prepare for a conference call to discuss the death of U.S. citizen Furkan Dogan and the Departments next steps in relation to this incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5),

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C05140947 (StateDept3 211-12)	Email	2	06/10/2010	DOS attorneys	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP		

DESCRIPTION: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "Flotilla – International Standrds (sic) for Investigation," in which DOS officials discuss the legal bases for an investigation of the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative as to the Department's position on investigation would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05140998 (StateDept3 216-19)	Email	4	06/04/2010	DOS attorneys/officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Gaza-related article," forwarding several Gaza-related newspaper articles and including commentary on a Supreme Court decision related to blockades that were referred to in one of the articles. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05141104 (StateDept3 225-26)	Email	2	06/05/2010	DOS attorneys/officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP
C05903899 (StateDept8 609-10)		2	06/08 – 06/09/2010			
C05903903 (StateDept8 632-34)		3	06/08 – 06/09/2010			

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C05903904 (StateDept8 635-36)		2	06/08 – 06/09/2010			
C05903905 (StateDept8 637-38)		2	06/08 – 06/09/2010			

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are intra-agency email exchanges with the subject line "Israel – Flotilla and beyond," in which DOS officials discuss a particular approach to an investigation of the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department released these documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas regarding this approach and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05141423 (StateDept3 227-29)	Email	3	09/12/2010	DOS attorneys	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange in which DOS attorneys discuss the Office of the Legal Adviser analysis on international law governing blockades in order to advise a Department official of the same. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas

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C05141500 (StateDept3 237-37)	Email	4	06/02 – 09/12/2011	DOS officials/attorneys	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

DESCRIPTION: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Questions from this morning meeting regarding the blockage," in which DOS officials discuss the possible legal justifications for Israel's actions in connection with the Gaza flotilla incident in order to advise a senior Department official. This email forwards the same information found in document C05135989. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and the attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their client for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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DESCRIPTION: These documents are intra-agency email exchanges with the subject line "flotilla incident – Comoros-flagged vessel?," in which DOS officials discuss whether one of the vessels in the Gaza flotilla was Comoros-flagged and what would be the implications for jurisdiction if the vessel was involved in a crime on the high seas. The Department released these documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is predecisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of these documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05141729 (StateDept3 437-42)	Email	6	05/31 – 06/01/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "Instruction and EOV for HRC vote – clearance by 10 AM EST," in which DOS officials discuss the preparation and clearance of a draft statement to be made by Ambassador Donohoe before the U.N. Human Rights Council on the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-

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C05140632 (StateDept3 512)	Email	1	06/03/2010	DOS Attorneys-Jonathan B Schwartz/Linda Jacobson	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Flotilla inquiry," in which a DOS attorney poses a particular question of international law regarding a Human Rights Council fact-finding initiative and raises a proposed answer to the question. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding DOS attorneys' answers to this question, would reveal the details of Department official's preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05140640 (StateDept3 516-17)	Email	2	06/02-06/03/2010	DOS Attorneys	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

DESCRIPTION: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Israel Investigation Options Paper," in which DOS attorneys discuss and comment on a draft options paper on the Israeli investigation of the Gaza flotilla incident in order to advise a senior Department official. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to the contents of the paper, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department

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C05330837 (StateDept4 763-70)		8				

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are an email exchanges in which DOS officials discuss the legal issues related to the Gaza flotilla incident. In accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, on December 11, 2012 for document C05140649 and on July 8, 2013 for document C05330837, the Department classified as CONFIDENTIAL, under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13,526, portions of these documents that had originally been UNCLASSIFIED. The Department released these documents in part under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05130547 (StateDept4 128)	Email	1	06/03/2010	DOS/DOD officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP; (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. § 130b

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange with the subject line "4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call," in which DOS and DoD officials discuss issues related to U.S. flagged vessels that may participate in future Gaza flotilla actions. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this

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C05140942 (StateDept4 147-49)	Email	3	06/08/2010	DOS/NSC/DOD officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP; (b)(3) 10 10 U.S.C. § 130b

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange with the subject line "Close Hold: Mr. Donilon's Meeting on [subject redacted] (06/08)," in which DOS officials provide comments on a draft paper prepared for a meeting by a U.S. Government official. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld the names of a DoD employees under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 103b, because this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05137472 (StateDept4 173-75)	Email	3	05/31/2010	DOS officials/DOS attorneys/DoD officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP; (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b and 10 U.S.C. §
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**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are inter-agency email exchanges with the subject line "MFA flotilla briefing," in which DOS officials discuss issues arising out of a briefing by the Israeli officials on the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. The Department also withheld the names of DoD employees under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 103b, because this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department also withheld certain DoD information under FOIA Exemption 3, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130c, because this information consists of sensitive information of foreign governments, which is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department also withheld the names of Israeli official under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment and unwanted attention and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05135621 (StateDept4 180-85)	Email	7	05/31/2010	DOS officials/DOS attorneys/DoD officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP; (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b and 10
C05141747 (StateDept4 208-13)		6	05/31/2010			U.S.C. § 130c; (b)(6)
C05130201 (StateDept4 337-42)		6	05/31/2010			
C05141617 (StateDept4 380-91)		12	05/31 – 06/01/2010			
C05141746 (StateDept4 403-13)		11	05/31/2010			

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are inter-agency email exchanges with the subject line "L Comments on MFA flotilla briefing," which repeat most of the information found in document C05137472 and continue the discussion with a focus on answering Department officials' questions regarding legal issues relating to the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding the answers to these questions, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of

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C17673381 (StateDept4 431-32)	Email	2	02/16/2011 – 02/17/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Meeting re Furkhat Dogan," (sic) in which DOS officials discuss issues surrounding request by Dogan's family for a meeting with Department officials. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05307803 (StateDept4 581-82)	Email	2	09/30/2010	DOS attorneys	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

DESCRIPTION: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Flotilla," in which DOS attorneys discuss the U.N. Human Rights Commission report on the Gaza flotilla incident and the Department's position on the Israeli blockade. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to the Department position on this report, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05307608 (StateDept4 597-99)	Email	3	02/16/2011	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP

DESCRIPTION: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Request for a meeting: Ahmet Dogan, father of US citizen Furkan Dogan, killed in international waters in May 2010 aboard the Mavi Marmara" in which DOS officials discuss issues surrounding request by Dogan's family for a meeting with Department officials. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the

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**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email with the subject line "LEGAL-#258419-v1-Flotilla\_S\_(2).docx," in which DOS attorneys discuss a draft of a possible Note to the Secretary on the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative with respect to the development of the note and the timing of its finalization would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05330588 (StateDept4 726-29)	Email	4	06/02/2010	DOS Attorneys/DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP; (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email forwarding the same information found in document C05135989, in which DOS attorneys discuss the possible legal justifications for Israel's actions in connection with the Gaza flotilla incident in order to advise a senior Department official. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege and attorney-client privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. The Department also withheld the non-state.gov e-mail addresses of DOS employees under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in unsolicited attention, unwanted messages, and harassing inquiries and would shed no additional light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05330958 (StateDept4 739-40)	Email	2	06/02/2010	DOS Attorneys-Sarah H Cleveland/Stephen E Pomper	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "law of sea and lex specialis," in which DOS attorneys comment on question posed regarding the Law of the Sea and its interaction with international humanitarian law. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process

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C05330944 (StateDept4 741-43)	Email	3	06/08/2010	DOS attorneys/DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP		

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Israel Investigation," in which DOS attorneys and officials discuss and comment on a DOS draft options paper for an investigation of the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05332075 (StateDept4 745-46)	Email	1	06/04/2010	DOS attorneys/DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, ACP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Criminal statutes -- flotilla," in which DOS attorney advises a Senior Department official on the implications under U.S. criminal law of the death of one American citizen and injuries sustained by another in connection with the Gaza flotilla incident and associated protests. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to attorney-client privilege to protect communications between attorneys and their clients for the purpose of seeking and/or providing legal advice. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05330834 (StateDept4 762)	Email	1	06/06 - 06/07/2010	DOS officials/NSC officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange with the subject line "Options Paper on Flotilla Investigation," in which U.S. Government officials comment on a DOS draft options paper for an investigation of the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs

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C05331973	Email	2	06/04/2010	DOS Attorneys-Joan E	RIP	(b)(5) DPP,
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C05331989 (StateDept4 779-80)	Email	2	06/05/2010	DOS/NSC officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange with the subject line "Flotilla discussion," in which Government attorneys discuss further possible investigations of the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department withheld the email addresses of non-DOS employees under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in unsolicited attention, unwanted messages, and harassing inquiries and would shed no additional light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05332024 (StateDept4 793)	Email	1	06/02/2010	DOS Attorneys-Sarah Cleveland/Harold Honglu Koh	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Israel Investigation Options Paper," in which DOS attorneys provide further edits to a draft options paper on an Israeli investigation of the Gaza flotilla incident. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede

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the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department withheld the non-DOS email address of a DOS employee under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in unsolicited attention, unwanted messages, and harassing inquiries and would shed no additional light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.							
C05330996 (StateDept4 828-30)	Email	3	08/10/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is an intra-agency email exchange forwarding a Press Release on "Gaza flotilla: International Independent Fact-finding Mission opens in Geneva." The Department withheld portions of this document, under Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld material contains a Department officials' frank opinion of the Press Release and on certain actions taking place at the United Nations. Release of this information, which contains the authors' personal opinions and preliminary assessments, could reasonably be expected to have a chilling effect on the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occurs when government officials are developing a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and opinions regarding a preferred course of action.							
C05370794 (StateDept5 282-84)	Email	3	07/02/2011 – 04/04/2011	Private individual/DOS officials	RIP	(b)(6)	

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the identity of the private individual and his comments because release of this information could subject the individual to unsolicited								
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information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05332044 (StateDept5 826)	Email	12	06/07 – 06/08/2010	DOS officials/NSC officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, (b)(6), (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b
C05331980 (StateDept5 827-28)						

DESCRIPTION: These documents are inter-agency email exchanges discussing a draft paper on the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. The Department released these documents in part, under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege, because release of this information would reveal the authors' preliminary thoughts and opinions regarding the draft paper and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department withheld the names, email addresses, and telephone numbers of government employees under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in unsolicited attention, unwanted messages, and harassing inquiries and would shed no additional light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department also withheld portions of this document

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under FOIA Exemption 3, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130b, because this information consists of the names or contact information of persons employed by the Department of Defense ("DoD"), which are specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05376272	Email	8	05/26 – 05/27/2010	DOS/DOD/DIA officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP,
(StateDept5						(b)(6), (b)(3)
853-60)						10 U.S.C. §
						424

DESCRIPTION: This document is an inter-agency email exchange discussing the "Free Gaza" flotilla approaching Israel and possible actions to be taken by the U.S. and other countries. The Department released this document in part, under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege, because release of this information would reveal the officials' preliminary thoughts and opinions could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department withheld the names, titles, e-mail addresses, and contact information of Non-DOS U.S. government employees under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in unsolicited attention, unwanted messages, and harassing inquiries and would shed no additional light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department also withheld the names, titles, e-mail addresses, and contact information of DIA employees under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 424, because this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05376271 (StateDept5 863-67)	Email	5	05/26 – 05/28/2010	DOS/DOD officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP; (b)(6); (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. §§ 130b and 424

**DESCRIPTION:** This document is an inter-agency email exchange discussing the "Free Gaza" flotilla approaching Israel and possible actions to be taken by the U.S. and other countries. The Department released this document in part, under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege, because release of this information would reveal the officials' preliminary thoughts and opinions could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank expression of ideas, recommendations, and opinions that occur when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding a preferred course of action. The Department withheld the names, titles, e-mail addresses, and contact information of non-DOS U.S. government employees under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in unsolicited attention, unwanted messages, and harassing inquiries and would shed no additional light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department also withheld the names, titles, e-mail addresses, and contact information of DOD and DIA employees under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 103b and 10 U.S.C. § 424, respectively, because this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statutes. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05376270	Email	7	05/26/2010 –	DOS/DOD officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP;
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868-74)						10 U.S.C. §
						130b

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C05903764	Email	2	05/31/2010	DOS and NSC officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP,			
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415-16)									

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an inter-agency email exchange regarding evening and overnight coverage of May 2010 Gaza flotilla incident and what information should be considered for inclusion in upcoming situation reports ("sitreps"). The Department withheld this document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department employees' preliminary thoughts and ideas regarding what information should or should not be included in the sitreps, and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out

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	<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "URGENT – Clearance needed Monday afternoon," in which DOS officials comment on USG policy vis-à-vis the handling of the Gaza flotilla incident in the context of the								
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C05903882	Email	4	06/06/2010	DOS Officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP,			
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DOS officials comment on USG policy vis-à-vis the handling of the Gaza flotilla incident in the context of the Human Rights Council. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department also withheld non-state.gov email address of a DOS employee and the email address of a non-DOS official under to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the U.S. Government. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and the information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05903891 (StateDept8 599)	Email	1	06/08/2010	DOS and NSC officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP
C05903892 (StateDept8 600-01)		2				

**DESCRIPTION**: These documents are inter-agency email exchanges with the subject line "URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation," in which DOS officials discuss various options for an investigation of the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident in the context of the Human Rights Council. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details

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C05904948 (StateDept8 727-28)	Email	2	05/25/2011 – 05/26/2011	DOS Officials-Tim Rieser/Michael Pozner	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, NR		

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Frukan Dogan, a U.S. citizen," in which DOS officials discussing a Senate staffer's inquiry about the death of Furkan Dogan and how to respond. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05904953 (StateDept8 730-33)	Email	4	05/27/2011 – 06/07/2011	DOS Officials-Tim Rieser/Michael Pozner	RIP	(b)(5) DPP,
C05904961 (StateDept8 752-54)						
C05904962 (StateDept8 755-58)						

DESCRIPTION: These documents are intra-agency email exchanges with the subject line "Prof. Dogan – father of Furkan," in which DOS officials discuss how to respond to a Senate staffer's inquiries regarding Furkan Dogan. The Department withheld the documents in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department officials' preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the documents and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05904967 (StateDept8 760)	Email	2	06/16/2011	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(5) DPP, NR

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<b>DESCRIPTION</b> : This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "List of To Dos Friday," in which discuss issues surrounding a request by the attorney for Furkan Dogan's father for a meeting with Department official Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of De	s. The process
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C05905343	Email	9	08/06/2010	DOS officials- U.S. Mission	RIP	B1.4(b, d),
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898-906)						(b)(6)

DESCRIPTION: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line, "Heads up: HRC Gaza Flotilla Fact-Finding Mission (FFM): What Next?" On December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, the Department classified as CONFIDENTIAL, under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13,526, portions of this document that had originally been UNCLASSIFIED. The Department withheld these portions under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege,

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C05905430 (StateDept8 912-13)	Email	2	11/01/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(d); (b)(5) DPP; (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. § 130b

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email with the subject line "Read out: pre-trip meeting with [subject redacted]," in which a DOS official provides the Assistant Secretary with extensive comments on a meeting held with an individual that will accompany the Assistant Secretary on his upcoming trip to Israel, including likely issues that will arise during the trip. On December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, the Department classified as CONFIDENTIAL, under Section 1.4(d) of E.O. 13,526, portions of this document that had originally been UNCLASSIFIED. The Department withheld these portions under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. The withheld information represents a selection of facts chosen for the purpose of advising high-level State officials. Release of the withheld information, would reveal the details of U.S. Government officials' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and

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the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. Department also withheld the name of a DoD employee under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 103b, because this information is specifically exempted from disclosure by the statute. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05905335 (StateDept8 932)	Email	8	07/22 – 07/29/2010	DOS officials	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d); (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. §
C05905331 (StateDept8 946-50)		5				130b; (b)(5); (b)(6); NR

DESCRIPTION: These documents are inter-agency email exchanges with the subject line, "Read out – Arthur Lenk, Israeli MFA – Goldstone issues, update on the Swiss, opposition to Tomuschat, and flotilla," in which USG officials provide a summary of and commentary on a meeting with the Director of the International Law Department of the Israeli MFA and issues related to the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. On December 31, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, the Department classified as CONFIDENTIAL, under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13,526, portions of these documents that had originally been UNCLASSIFIED. The Department withheld these portions under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release

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DESCRIPTION: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Background on HRC items for Posner-Donahoe meeting," in which DOS officials provide DRL Assistant Secretary Posner with background on possible issues to be discussed at a meeting with the US Ambassador to the UN Human Rights Council. The Department withheld DOS official's opinion on possible international reaction to the establishment of Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza flotilla. The Department withheld the document in part under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of the withheld information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative regarding strategy for the meeting, would reveal the details of Department official's preliminary thoughts, opinions, and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05726898 (StateDept9 004)	Email	1		Ann Wright	RIP	(b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: The Department released this document in part, withholding only the name of a private individual who provided digital images from the cameras of the passengers on the Mavi Marmara, under FOIA Exemption 6 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could subject the individual to unsolicited attention and harassing inquiries and would shed no light on the conduct of U.S. Government business. As a result, release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

C05770190	Email	2	07/29/2010 – 08/02/2010	DOS Officials-Susan E Rice/Jacob J Sullivan	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d), (b)(6)

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange with the subject line "Flotilla/Panel Endgame," in which DOS officials provide a read-out of meetings between the US Ambassador to the UN and Israeli officials about a proposed panel of inquiry for the Gaza flotilla incident. On November 30, 2015, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13,526, the Department classified as CONFIDENTIAL, under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13,526, portions of this document that had originally been UNCLASSIFIED. The Department withheld these portions under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld the email addresses of non-DOS officials under to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because release of this information could result in harassment, unwanted attention, and unsolicited communications, and would not shed light on the operations of the

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C05594469 (StateDept 5929-30)	Email	2	06/01/2011	DOS Employees	RIP	(b)(1), 1.4(b), (d); (b)(5) DPP

**DESCRIPTION**: This document is an intra-agency email exchange, discussing recent interactions in the UN Human Rights Commission regarding resolutions related to the Gaza flotillas. On July 8, 2014, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.7(d) of E.O. 13526, the Department classified portions of this document as CONFIDENTIAL under Sections 1.4(b) and (d) of E.O. 13526, which pertain to foreign government information and foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States. The ability to obtain information from foreign governments is essential to the formulation and successful implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Release of foreign government information provided in confidence, either voluntarily by the Department or by order of a court, would cause foreign officials to believe that U.S. officials are not able or willing to observe the confidentiality expected in such interchanges. Governments could reasonably be expected to be less willing in the future to furnish information important to the conduct of U.S. foreign relations, and in general less disposed to cooperate with the United States in the achievement of foreign policy objectives of common interest. Disclosure of this information at this time could also have the potential to inject friction into, or cause serious damage to, our bilateral relationships with countries whose cooperation is important to U.S. national security. The Department also withheld portions of this document discussing possible U.S. strategies under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Release of this information, which is pre-decisional and deliberative, would reveal the details of Department employees' preliminary thoughts and ideas and could reasonably be expected to chill the open and frank exchange of ideas and recommendations that occurs when Department officials are formulating a strategy for official action. Disclosure of this information would also impede the ability of responsible Department officials to formulate and carry out executive branch programs by inhibiting candid internal discussion and the expression of recommendations and judgments regarding preferred courses of action. The Department conducted a thorough review of the document and determined that there is no additional meaningful, non-exempt information that may be reasonably segregated and released.

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C05371272 (StateDept 5376-79)	Email	4	06/03/2010	Private	NA	NA

**DESCRIPTION**: In the process of preparing this Vaughn the Department reassessed this document and determined that it does not constitute a record for purposes of a FOIA request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552.