



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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OFAC Case: 21-FOIA-00237

Matthew Petti
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Dear Mr. Petti:

This letter responds to your December 14, 2020, request originally submitted to the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. On January 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of State's Office of Information Programs and Services ("the Department") received the enclosed pages for review and direct response to you. Where applicable, we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. As such, the Department has determined that some information is exempt from release pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which concerns material that, if released, Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, and,
- 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which concerns material that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's personal privacy;

This action closes your request in this office. For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison at FOIAStatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 261-8484. Please include the DOS case number in all communications concerning this FOIA request.

If you are not satisfied with the Department's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer,

Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, A/GIS/IPS/, HST Room B266, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, by email to FOIAAppeals@state.gov, or by fax to (202) 485-1718. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days and include a copy of this letter, clearly stating why you disagree with the determination set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with this determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; fax: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated