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Re: DOJ-2017-005910 (OAG)
DOJ-2017-007028 (PAO)
S.D.N.Y. No. 17-cv-7572
VRB:LMT

Dear Ms. DeCell:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on August 7, 2017, seeking various records concerning the exclusion or removal of individuals from the United States based on their speech, beliefs, or associations. Pursuant to two phone calls with defendants' counsel on January 30, 2018 and February 14, 2018, you agreed to narrow your request, specifically regarding this Office (OIP), to items (2), (3), (4), and (6)(a) of your request. More specifically, you agreed to exclude e-mails from OIP's records searches. This response is made on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General (OAG) and Public Affairs (PAO).

Please be advised that records searches have been conducted on behalf of OAG and PAO. As a result of these searches, we located records that are publicly available, and we are providing the links below. Although these records may not necessarily be responsive to your request, we are providing the links as a matter of discretion. No other records responsive to your request were located.

- Memorandum for All Executive Departments and Agencies, dated October 6, 2017, Federal Law Protections for Religious Liberty
https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1001891/download

- Waivers and Exceptions
https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2014/08/15/waivers-exceptions.pdf

- Report of Inspection Limited-Scope Review of Department of State Counterterrorism Designation and Vetting Procedures, June 2008
https://oig.state.gov/system/files/120258.pdf

- Memorandum for the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, dated March 6, 2017, Implementing Immediate Heightened Screening and Vetting of Applications for Visas and Other Immigration Benefits, Ensuring Enforcement of All Laws for Entry Into the United States, and Increasing Transparency Among Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government and for the American People https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/04/03/2017-06702/implementing-immediate-heightened-screening-and-vetting-of-applications-for-visas-and-other

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2012 & Supp. IV 2016). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have questions regarding this response, please contact Assistant United States Attorney Ellen Blain at 212-637-2743.

Sincerely,

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