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U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

December 2, 2016

COW2016001105

John Greenwald
[REDACTED]

Dear John Greenwald:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office November 15, 2016 regarding all records pertaining to COW2016000751, case processing notes, internal agency communications.

We have completed the review of all documents and have identified 119 pages that are responsive to your request. Enclosed are 5 pages released in their entirety and 114 pages released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) of the FOIA.

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

As a matter of administrative discretion, we are releasing computer codes found on system screen prints previously withheld under exemption b(2). There may be additional documents that contain discretionary releases of exempt information. We will identify discretionary releases within the record. These discretionary releases do not waive our ability to invoke applicable FOIA exemptions for similar or related information in the future.

The enclosed record consists of the best reproducible copies available. Certain pages may contain marks that appear to be blacked-out information. Such black marks would have been present prior to our receipt of the file and are not information we have withheld under the provisions of the FOIA or PA.

If you wish to appeal this determination, you may write to the USCIS FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139, within 90 days of the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

The National Records Center does not process petitions, applications or any other type of benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act. If you have questions or wish to submit documentation relating to a matter pending with the bureau, you must address these issues with your nearest District Office.

All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing and be signed by the requester. Please include the NRC number listed above on all correspondence with this office. Requests may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead, or sent by fax to 816-350-5785. You may also submit FOIA/PA related requests to our e-mail address at uscis.foia@uscis.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill A. Eggleston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jill" being more prominent and the last name "Eggleston" following in a similar style.

Jill A. Eggleston
Director, FOIA Operations

Enclosure(s)

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[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

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Sent:

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Subject:

FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Attachments:

COW2016001105 Request Letter.pdf; Updated SIG Staffing Sheet 14.pdf

Good Morning All;

Please see attached FOIA request in which requester seeks all processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751 (Mohamed Atta). I have also attached a SIG staffing sheet. Please reply to me at your earliest convenience with records or a "no records" response.

Thank you,

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From: [Redacted] (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:31 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
Attachments: Updated SIG Staffing Sheet 14.pdf

Nothing here. Attached staffing sheet.

[Redacted] (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:33 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: COW2016001105
Attachments: Updated SIG Staffing Sheet 14.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Pro.pdf

Here is my completed staffing sheet. No Records located.

Thanks.

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:46 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Hi [Redacted]

I sent my response to [Redacted] on October 4th, do you need me to do something else? Thanks [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:47 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta
Attachments: 2016_10_04_06_31_19.pdf

[Redacted]

See below. Let me know if I need to do something else.

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 6:33 AM

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[Redacted]

Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

[Redacted]

I conducted a key word search of both my inbox and sent e-mail folders using the following terms "mohammed", "atta", "mohammed atta", "Muhammad" and "moha" and found the attached records. Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:07 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Good morning,

On July 29 I sent the email below regarding a FOIA request USCIS received asking for any records discussing how USCIS internally communicated how to process records requests for Mohamed Atta who was involved in the 9/11 World Trade

Towers attack. The recipients of this email were identified as possibly having emails or other communications on how USCIS was/is to handle FOIA requests for Mr. Atta's records since 2001.

Please see the original email below and the attached request. If you have any records responsive to this request I ask that you send the records directly to my attention. If at all possible please provide a response by October 13. Negative responses would gratefully appreciated.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 9:39 AM

Subject: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Good Morning,
USCIS has received a Freedom of Information Act request from John Greenwald, a researcher/activist notably with the web site The Black Vault. Mr. Greenwald has requested from USCIS emails, letters, memos, etc. discussing how USCIS internally communicated how to process records requests for Mohamed Atta who was involved in the 9/11 World Trade Towers attack. His request encompasses all communications since September 11, 2001. Mr. Greenwald's request and my email with him is attached for your reference.

The recipients of this email have been identified as possibly having emails or other communications on how USCIS was/is to handle FOIA requests for Mr. Atta's records since 2001. Please conduct a search for any electronic or other communications since 2001 relating to the handling Mr. Atta's records requests. This would include any communications, either to or from you, with other Directorates, Headquarters or other agencies.

Also attached is staffing sheet. I ask that you also complete this form with as much detail as possible even if you are unable to locate any records related to this request. This form would be instrumental in case Mr. Greenwald appeals any response we may give. Feel free to send any response to me either electronically or in any form that is convenient to you.

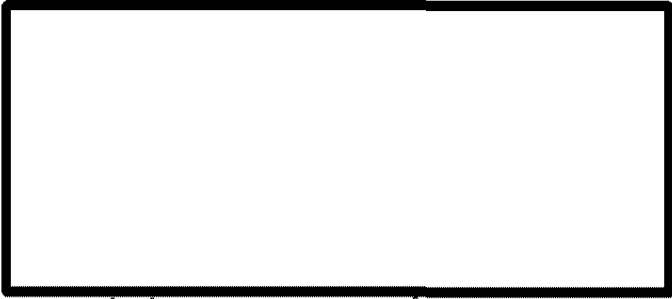
If you have any questions you can contact me directly at my contact information below or [Redacted] at (b)(6)



v/r,



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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:35 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Mohammad Atta

[Redacted]

We received a request today for Mohammad Atta's A-file (911 hijacker). How are we handling these requests?

Thank you,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 4:39 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Mohammad Atta

Refer the request to DHS.

Thanks, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:35 PM
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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 5:58 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Mohammad Atta

Hi [Redacted]

I am well. We can talk tomorrow. I will send you an email in the morning.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 4:49 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: [External_Sender] Mohammad Atta

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Hi [Redacted]

Hope all is well with you! Wondered if you would have a minute or two to talk about the FOIA requests for Mohammad Atta's file? Let me know when you are available, I need to pick your brain as to what we did 😊 Thanks [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 8:38 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Mohammad Atta

[Redacted]

I am free now. If you can chat now please call me at [Redacted] Thanks.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 4:50 PM

[Redacted]

Subject: [External_Sender] Mohammad Atta

Hi [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 3:38 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Mohammad Atta

[Redacted]
I talked to [Redacted]. He confirmed that USCIS FOIA never had the A-file; FBI took physical control over the file and advised us to respond to all FOIA requests using b(7)(a), withheld in full. He said that [Redacted] may have worked one of the requests and might remember more. Thanks, [Redacted]

[Redacted]
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 8:38 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Mohammad Atta

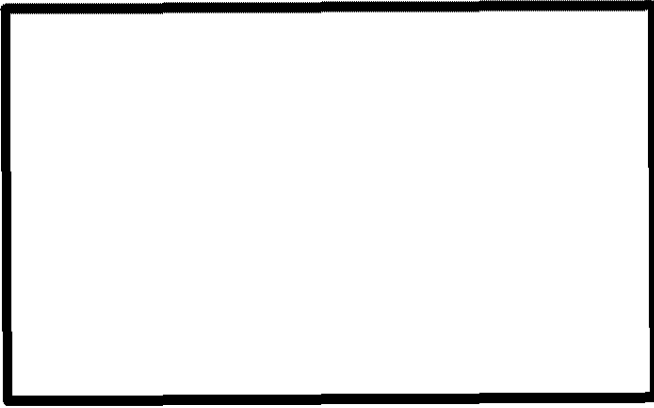
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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:49 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

[Redacted] previously replied to [Redacted] on the same subject.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Sent:

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:54 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Cc:

Subject:

RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Looping in [Redacted] on this email.

I'm not sure we are talking about the same case. [Redacted] would you mind taking a look at what [Redacted] sent and determine if it has anything to do with this case.

Thank you,

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From:

[Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:46 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Cc:

Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

[Redacted]

I sent my response to [Redacted] aynes on October 4th, do you need me to do something else?

Thanks,

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[Redacted]

Sent:

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To:

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Subject:

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There is a fine distinction here.

COW2016001105 is about processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751.

COW2016000751 sought emails, letters, memos, etc. revealing (DHS/USCIS) internal communications on how to process "Mohamed Atta type requests."

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From:

[Redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:13 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

[Redacted]

[Redacted] email was already scanned into COW2016000751 as responsive records

[Redacted]

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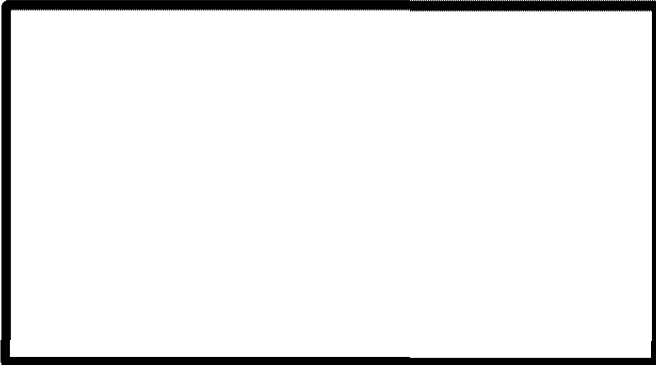
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:54 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Looping in [redacted] on this email.
I'm not sure we are talking about the same case. [redacted] would you mind taking a look at what [redacted] sent and determine if it has anything to do with this case.
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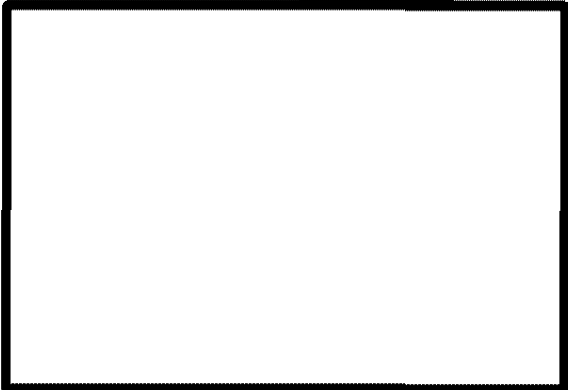


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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:46 AM
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Hi [redacted]
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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:23 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

COW2016000751 is closed.

This is a new case and there is a fine distinction here.

COW2016001105 is about processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies **regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751.**

COW2016000751 sought emails, letters, memos, etc. revealing (DHS/USCIS) internal communications on how to process "Mohamed Atta type requests."

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:21 AM
[Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

This case is closed?

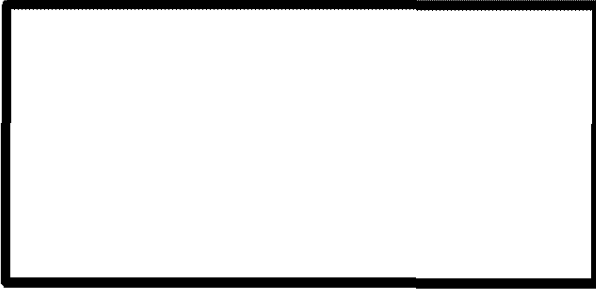
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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:31 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Hi [Redacted] just as a point of clarification, there is a distinction between the two cases.

COW2016001105 (the new case) is about processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies **regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751.**

COW2016000751 (which is closed) sought emails, letters, memos, etc. revealing (DHS/USCIS) internal communications on how to process "Mohamed Atta type requests."

[Redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:49 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

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Thank you [Redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:34 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

[Redacted]

I see COW2016001105 as asking for all records on the staffing/processing of COW2016000751. He also added asking for communication with outside agencies. All communications I had regarding searching for records were scanned into X751. There was no indication on any of the communications on our coordination with other offices within USCIS or with outside agencies. Of course, we are only responsible for answering for USCIS records. Other DHS offices may have records but from the records we have, there was no written guidance on processing 9/11 records.

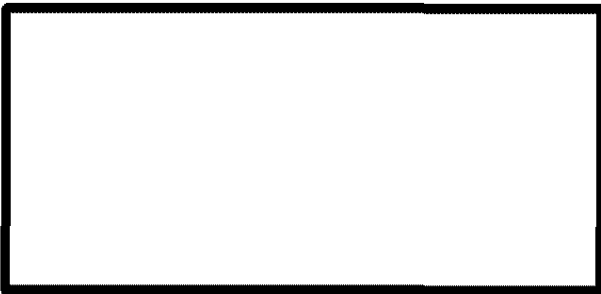
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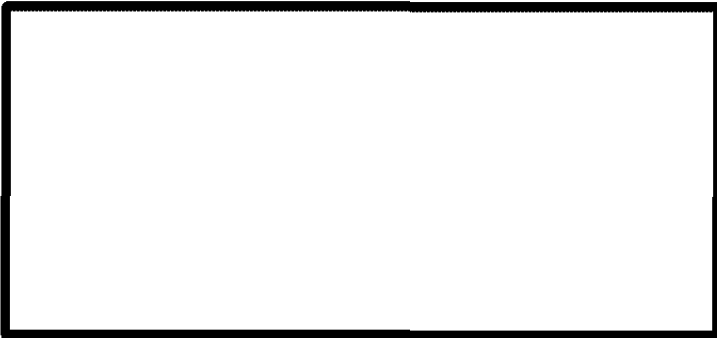
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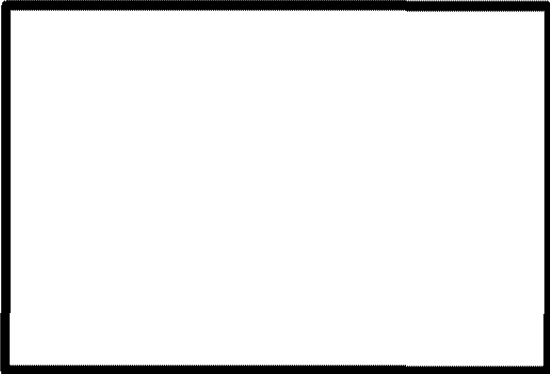
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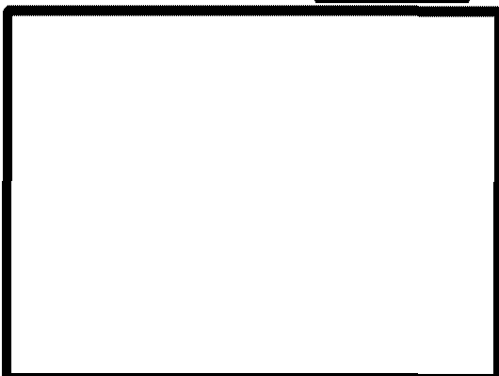
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:46 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

H [redacted]

I sent my response to [redacted] on October 4th, do you need me to do something else? Thank [redacted]



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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[REDACTED]

Subject: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:54 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

This is a new FOIA request.

There is a distinction between the two cases.

COW2016001105 (the new case) is about processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies **regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751.**

COW2016000751 (which is closed and may be the one you are thinking of) sought emails, letters, memos, etc. revealing (DHS/USCIS) internal communications on how to process "Mohamed Atta type requests."

Thank you,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:52 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Good Morning, [Redacted]

Is this another FOIA? I recently responded to a FOIA on this topic or was it another request?

[Redacted]

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If this is a more urgent matter, contact [redacted] with RPM questions, [redacted] for Records Officer issues and [redacted] for Training and Compliance issues.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:50 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
Attachments: COW2016001105.pdf

[Redacted]

Attached is my staffing sheet. Any emails would have been printed and scanned in as a CSD.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[Redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:52 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
Attachments: COW2016001105 SIG Staffing Sheet.pdf

Good morning [redacted]

I found nothing related to FOIA request COW2016000751, see the attached completed SIG Staffing Sheet.

Make it a great day,

[redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[redacted]

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Cc: [Redacted]
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:19 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
Attachments: Allen SIG Staffing Sheet COW2016001105.pdf

[redacted]
Attached is my staffing sheet for COW2016001105. All emails I have on the staffing for COW2016000751 were already scanned into the case as responsive records.



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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:21 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

This case is closed?

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:30 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

The even finer distinction is.....i missed that part! LOL Thanks for 'splaining that to me!

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:23 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

COW2016000751 is closed.

This is a new case and there is a fine distinction here.

COW2016001105 is about processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies **regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751.**

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Sent:

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:32 AM

To:

Subject:

FW: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

From:

Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

I don't have anything

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From:

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:06:50 AM

Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

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Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 9:39 AM

[redacted]
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If you have any questions you can contact me directly at my contact information below or [redacted] at

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[redacted signature block]

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:33 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:31 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Thank you

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:29 AM
[Redacted]
Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

I don't have anything

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 8:20 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Good Morning, Mr. [Redacted]

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I don't have anything either.

[Redacted]



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[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Sent:

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:33 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Cc:

Subject:

RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

I've sent you all I had on it.

From:

[Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:23 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Cc:

Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

COW2016000751 is closed.

This is a new case and there is a fine distinction here.

COW2016001105 is about processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751.

COW2016000751 sought emails, letters, memos, etc. revealing (DHS/USCIS) internal communications on how to process "Mohamed Atta type requests."

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From:

[Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:21 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

This case is closed?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[REDACTED]
Subject: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Good Morning All;

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Thank you,



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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:33 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
Attachments: USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3, 2016; SIG Staff Sheet Shirk.pdf

[Redacted]

I don't know if this applies, but all I have is the request notice that is posted on the Weekly Report. I've attached the report and the Staffing Sheet.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From:
Sent:
To:

[Redacted]

Friday, August 05, 2016 7:53 AM

[Redacted]

Cc:
Subject:
Attachments:

USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3, 2016
COW2016000743 Request.pdf; COW2016000751 Request.pdf; COW2016000767
Request.pdf

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- N/A

[Redacted]

Late requests

- [Redacted]

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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- N/A

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:34 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

[Redacted]

I see COW2016001105 as asking for all records on the staffing/processing of COW2016000751. He also added asking for communication with outside agencies. All communications I had regarding searching for records were scanned into X751. There was no indication on any of the communications on our coordination with other offices within USCIS or with outside agencies. Of course, we are only responsible for answering for USCIS records. Other DHS offices may have records but from the records we have, there was no written guidance on processing 9/11 records.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:17 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
Attachments: Updated SIG Staffing COW2016000751.pdf; RE: DHS Final Writeup

Hi [Redacted]
Here is what I have on this case.

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

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Thank you,

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 9:09 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: DHS Final Writeup

Thanks [Redacted] Since we are not releasing any records there is no need to send this case up for DHS Pre-Release Review.

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 9:04 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: DHS Final Writeup

[Redacted]
COW2016000751 has been processed and the final action letter has been uploaded to the Share drive. It was closed as a no record so no records were uploaded.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:21 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

My response is on your desk.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2016 7:45 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3, 2016
Attachments: COW2016000743 Request.pdf; COW2016000751 Request.pdf; COW2016000767 Request.pdf

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 10:09 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3, 2016

I. Efficiency and Transparency—Steps taken to increase transparency and make forms and processes used by the general public more user-friendly, particularly web-based and Freedom of Information Act related items:

- N/A

II. Freedom of Information Act Requests

[Redacted]

Late requests

[Redacted]

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III. Freedom of Information Act Releases

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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- N/A

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 1:24 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: NRC DIR-CIS; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Hi [Redacted]

As discussed, I didn't find anything referring to Mohamed Atta. Also, I don't see a staffing sheet attached.
Thanks.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:31 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: NRC DIR-CIS; [Redacted]
Subject: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

[Redacted]

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As the Director and former Deputy Director I understand you may have some records regarding this topic. I ask that you conduct a search for any electronic or other communications since 2001 relating to the handling Mr. Atta's records requests. This would include any communications, either to or from you, with other Directorates, Headquarters or other agencies.

Also attached is staffing sheet that SIG uses for all FOIA staffings. If you would please also complete this form with as much detail as possible even if you are unable to locate any records related to this request. This form would be instrumental in case Mr. Greenwald appeals any response we may give. Feel free to send any response to me either electronically or in any form that is convenient to you.

If you have any questions you can contact me directly at my contact information below or [Redacted] at

[Redacted]

V/R,



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 6:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta
Attachments: 2016_10_04_06_31_19.pdf

[REDACTED]

I conducted a key word search of both my inbox and sent e-mail folders using the following terms "mohammed", "atta", "mohammed atta", "Muhammad" and "moha" and found the attached records. Thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:07 AM
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Good morning,

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Please see the original email below and the attached request. If you have any records responsive to this request I ask that you send the records directly to my attention. If at all possible please provide a response by October 13. Negative responses would gratefully appreciated.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 9:39 AM

Subject: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Good Morning,

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:35 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Mohammad Atta

[Redacted]

We received a request today for Mohammad Atta's A-file (911 hijacker). How are we handling these requests?

Thank you,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

[Redacted]
Thursday, January 28, 2016 4:39 PM
[Redacted]
RE: Mohammad Atta

Refer the request to DHS.

Thanks, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:35 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Mohammad Atta

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[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Sent:

Wednesday, October 05, 2016 7:17 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Cc:

Subject:

USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohammed Atta

Attachments:

FW: FOIA Referral NRC 2014142698; RE: USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3, 2016; RE: USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3, 2016

All email files I have are attached.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Sent:

Friday, August 05, 2016 7:56 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Cc:

Subject:

RE: USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3, 2016

Hi [Redacted]

Can you please add [Redacted] and [Redacted] to this list for OCOMM? Please leave me on it too - I am now the Chief of OLA.

Thanks!

[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Sent:

Friday, August 05, 2016 1:53:24 PM

[Redacted]

Subject: USCIS Weekly Report, July 28, 2016 – August 3, 2016

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IV. Freedom of Information Act Appeals

- N/A

V. Freedom of Information Act Appeals Releases

- N/A

[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Sent:

Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:29 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Subject:

RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

I don't have anything

From:

[Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:06:50 AM

Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

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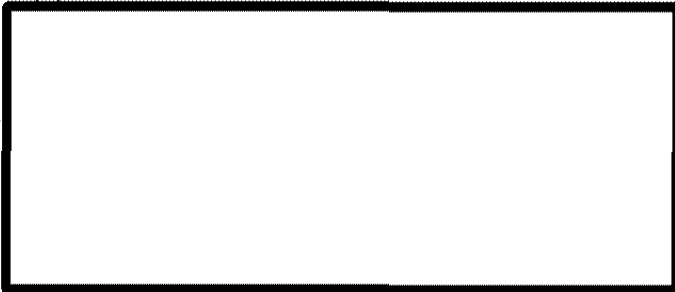
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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2016 3:52 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta
Attachments: Updated SIG Staffing Sheet.pdf

See attached.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 9:40 AM

[Redacted]
Subject: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

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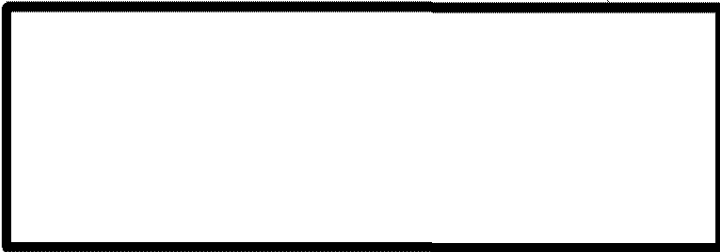
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[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Sent:

Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:46 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Subject:

RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

I have no nothing regarding this subject.

From:

[Redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:07 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

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From:

[Redacted]

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Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 9:39 AM

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Sent:

Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:39 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Subject:

RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Good Morning Mr [Redacted]

Negative response for the USCIS Genealogy Program.

Thanks!

[Redacted]



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From:

[Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 8:29 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

I don't have anything

From:

[Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:06:50 AM

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 8:20 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta

Good Morning, Mr. [Redacted]

I don't have anything either.

[Redacted]



If this is a more urgent matter, contact Christopher Walsh with RPM questions, Joseph Martinez for Records Officer issues and Angela Calhoun for Training and Compliance issues.

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 3:53 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta
Attachments: COW2016000751 ATTA FOIA Search Staffing Response from DMLong. 20160802.pdf

Hello [Redacted]

Thanks so much for returning my call. I received your voice mail message. Attached is my completed FOIA Search Staffing response. If you have questions, feel free to contact me.



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 10:40 AM

[Redacted]
Subject: USCIS Freedom of Information Act Request - Mohamed Atta


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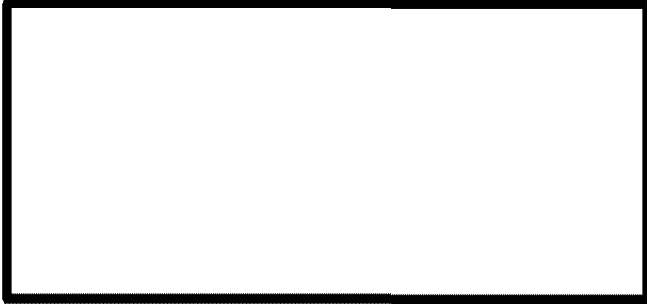
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Emailed requester for clarification

[redacted] /28/2016 12:29:53 PM [Edit | Reply]

John Greenewald,
Thank you for submitting your Freedom of Information request asking for records describing the processing of FOIA requests and request for information on 9/11 Terrorist Mohamed Atta.

Your request in its current form is not specific enough to allow our to office search for records. Could you please describe in further detail what information you are requesting? Specifically please clarify the phrase "describing the processing" in your request as this phrase could be interpreted in different ways.

As soon as you provide the additional detail we will begin searching USCIS records for anything relevant to your request.

[redacted] /29/2016 6:36:29 AM [Edit | Reply]

Requester's response. Email will be scanned as CSD

Here is what I am looking for. Obviously, the topic of Atta, and the documents related to him, have been of high interest to some FOIA requesters, including myself. I am looking for emails, letters, memos, etc. that talk about how your office (DHS/USCIS) has internally communicated about how to process these types of requests.

Staffing

[redacted] /29/2016 9:42:39 AM [Edit | Reply]

I emailed the following for records

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Repeded for 30 days

[redacted] /27/2016 1:09:52 PM [Edit | Reply]

Processor

[redacted] /10/13/2016 1:21:28 PM [Edit | Reply]

Sending all responses to be scanned as responsive records.

Case appears to be a no record. See an email with [redacted] indicating USCIS never had the file.

Summary

[redacted] /10/14/2016 8:46:53 AM [Edit | Reply]

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DHS

review

No record

Closed redaction report

 10/25/2016 8:46:26 AM [[Edit](#) | [Reply](#)]

Seq 5 pg 25. Reapplied OOS stamp to page. FA letter is NR.
Browse to print .

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 7:09 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
Attachments: COW2016001105 Request Letter.pdf; Updated SIG Staffing Sheet 14.pdf

Good Morning Anna
Did you send me a response on this? I can't find anything in my records on it.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:22 AM

[Redacted]

Subject: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 9:38 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
Attachments: Updated SIG Staffing Sheet - DRR - Neg.pdf

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 9:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Thanks [REDACTED]
I just need you to put your name and grade on p 1 of the attached sig staffing sheet and check the **no record** box and return it to me.
I have to scan it into the case.
Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 8:43 AM
To: [REDACTED]
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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 8:49 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

You are more than welcome!

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 9:47 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Thank you Lynda!

[Redacted]



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Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 8:46 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Good Morning [Redacted]

A negative response for the USCIS Genealogy Program.

Thanks!

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Regards,

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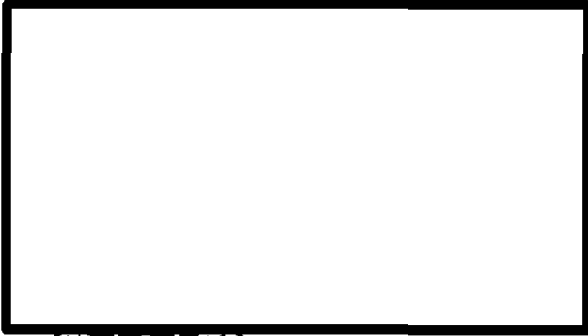
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[REDACTED]

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Sorry, I knew I was forgetting to do something. I'll try to get you a response later today. It will be a NR. I just need to fill out the staffing sheet. [REDACTED] sent me a similar request before.

[REDACTED]

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To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
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I've sent you all I had on it.

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COW2016000751 is closed.

This is a new case and there is a fine distinction here.

COW2016001105 is about processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751.

COW2016000751 sought emails, letters, memos, etc. revealing (DHS/USCIS) internal communications on how to process "Mohamed Atta type requests."

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The even finer distinction is.....i missed that part! LOL Thanks for 'splaining that to me!

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Subject: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2016 7:17 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

I am just surprised. I wasn't aware that HQ had any involvement in processing the Atta file, but apparently [Redacted] knows something I don't. Not a problem. Thanks, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2016 6:10 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

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Should we have not staffed to her?

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2016 6:08 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Hmm, okay thanks. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2016 6:06 AM

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To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Good morning,

[redacted] suggested we staff to [redacted] We staffed to [redacted] because [redacted] thought she had worked on Atta related matters after 9/11 not necessarily because she is with Genealogy.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Friday, November 25, 2016 5:49 AM

To: [redacted]

Subject: FW: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

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H [redacted]

Why did we staff to Genealogy on this request?

Thanks, [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 4:39 PM

[redacted]

Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

[redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:22 AM

[REDACTED]
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Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 4:39 PM

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

[Redacted]

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Attachments: COW2016001105 DMLong Staffing Response Updated SIG Staffing Sheet 14.pdf

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 8:43 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751
Attachments: COW2016001105 Request Letter.pdf; Updated SIG Staffing Sheet 14.pdf

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From:

Sent:

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:40 AM

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Weekly write up for COW2016001105

On November 14, 2016, **John Greenwald**, a freelance television producer and owner/founder of the online website **The Black Vault**, of Northridge, California requested from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751. (Case Number COW2016001105)

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:35 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Thank you Allen



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:34 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

[Redacted]

I see COW2016001105 as asking for all records on the staffing/processing of COW2016000751. He also added asking for communication with outside agencies. All communications I had regarding searching for records were scanned into X751. There was no indication on any of the communications on our coordination with other offices within USCIS or with outside agencies. Of course, we are only responsible for answering for USCIS records. Other DHS offices may have records but from the records we have, there was no written guidance on processing 9/11 records.



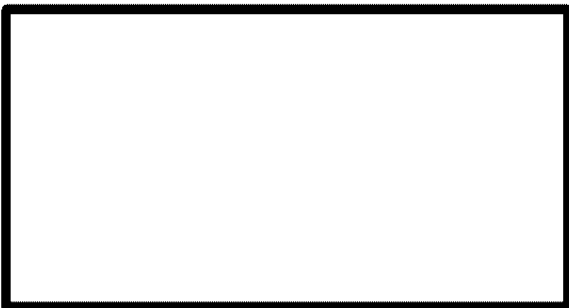
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Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

There is a fine distinction here.
COW2016001105 is about processing notes, emails, letters, memos, internal agency communications and communications with outside agencies regarding FOIA Case COW2016000751.
COW2016000751 sought emails, letters, memos, etc. revealing (DHS/USCIS) internal communications on how to process "Mohamed Atta type requests."



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 8:13 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

mail was already scanned into COW2016000751 as responsive records



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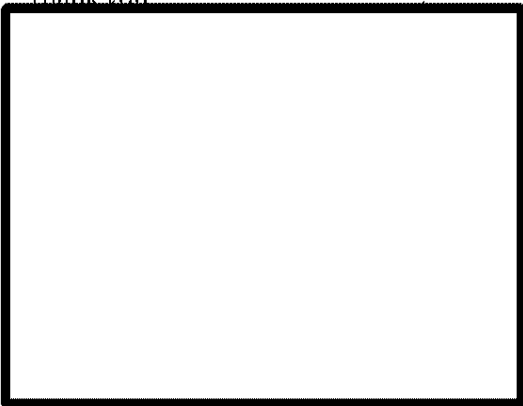
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:54 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Looping in [redacted] in this email.
I'm not sure we are talking about the same case. Allen would you mind taking a look at what [redacted] sent and determine if it has anything to do with this case.
Thank you



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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7:46 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

H [redacted]

I sent my response to [redacted] on October 4th, do you need me to do something else? Thanks, [redacted]

[redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 6:17 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: DHS Review Case - COW2016000751

DHS review folder created for COW2016000751



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[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Sent:

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 8:46 AM

To:

[Redacted]

Subject:

RE: FOIA Request COW2016001105 regarding COW2016000751

Good Morning [Redacted]

A negative response for the USCIS Genealogy Program.

Thanks!

Regards

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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