

## **United States Department of State**

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 5, 2024 Case No. CL-2023-00150 Mills, Christopher

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Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

This letter is in response to your request dated August 31, 2021, to the U.S. Department of Justice for release of material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has retrieved a significant number of documents considered to be of primary interest to the Department of State (the "Department"). The DOJ referred these documents to us for appropriate action. Upon review of the 29 documents, the Department has determined that 26 records may be released in full, and 3 records may be released in part pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed. Please be advised that this concludes the review of the referred material. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Brian Flannigan, Senior Attorney, Office of Information Policy, at <u>Brian.Flannigan@usdoj.gov</u> and 202-598-1419. Please refer to the case number, CL-2023-00150, and the civil action number, 21-cv-03024, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

ACS for Jeanne Miller Chief, Programs and Policies Division Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.