

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. F-2022-09259/ FL-2023-00010

Michael Ding America First Legal Foundation 611 Pennsylvania Ave, SE #231 Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Ding:

This letter is in response to your request dated June 10, 2022, under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has located one responsive record subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined that the record may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on the record. All nonexempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

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(c). 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. To the extent another agency asserts that it can neither confirm nor deny the existence of certain records, the Department of State will similarly take the position that it neither confirms nor denies the existence of those records.

This concludes the processing of your request. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Laurel Lum, Assistant U.S. Attorney, at Laurel.H.Lum@usdoj.gov, or (202) 305-8177. Please refer to the case number, F-2022-09259/FL-2023-00010, and the civil action number, 22-cv-3029, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Miller

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Enclosures: As stated.