



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 31, 2024

Case No. FL-2023-00039

Reed Rubinstein
America First Legal
611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE #231
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

As we noted in our letter dated December 29, 2023, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Thus far, the Department of State ("the Department") has located two additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined both records 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 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.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Jeremy Simon, at Jeremy.simon@usdoj.gov.

Please refer to the case number, FL-2023-00039, and the civil action number, 23-cv-00419, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Avery Bullard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Avery" and last name "Bullard" clearly distinguishable.

Avery Bullard
Acting Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

From:	"Amr, Hady A" (b)(6)@state.gov>
To:	Noll, George A (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject:	DAILY HIGH SIDE update requested by 7th floor
Date:	Mon, 7 Jun 2021 15:04:25 +0000

Gents. We have a new level of demand on our work. We should talk about how to do this daily....

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From: Amr, Hady A
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Nuland, Victoria J (b)(6)@state.gov>; Sherman, Wendy R (b)(6)@state.gov>; Ratney, Michael A (b)(6)@state.gov>
Cc: Chollet, Derek H (b)(6)@state.gov>; Sullivan, Thomas D (b)(6)@state.gov>; George, Suzy (b)(6)@state.gov>(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Flag march

Understood. I will work with Michael to deliver...

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From: Nuland, Victoria J (b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:31 AM
To: Sherman, Wendy R (b)(6)@state.gov>; Ratney, Michael A (b)(6)@state.gov>
Cc: Chollet, Derek H (b)(6)@state.gov>; Sullivan, Thomas D (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>(b)(6)@state.gov>; Amr, Hady A (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Flag march

My thanks, too, MR.

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: Sherman, Wendy R <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 6:05 AM

To: Ratney, Michael A <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: Nuland, Victoria J <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Chollet, Derek H <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Sullivan, Thomas D <(b)(6)@state.gov>; George, Suzy <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Flag march

Thanks Michael. Appreciate how hard you are working this and (b)(5)

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From: Ratney, Michael A <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 1:25:12 AM

To: Sherman, Wendy R <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: Nuland, Victoria J <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Chollet, Derek H <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Sullivan, Thomas D <(b)(6)@state.gov>; George, Suzy <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Flag march

Wendy –

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I notice this morning that Times of Israel is reporting that a decision was taken to reroute the march, rather than withhold authorization completely as we had been told. (b)(5)

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We'll keep you posted.

Michael

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From: Sherman, Wendy R <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:25 AM
To: Ratney, Michael A <(b)(6)>
Cc: Nuland, Victoria J <(b)(6)> Chollet, Derek H <(b)(6)> Sullivan, Thomas D <(b)(6)> George, Suzy <(b)(6)>
Subject: Fwd: Flag march

Michael,

Thanks.

Best,
Wendy

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From: Jeremy Ben-Ami <(b)(6)>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 7:22:59 PM
To: Sherman, Wendy R <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Flag march

I'm sure Thursday's planned/rescheduled march is high on your and the department's radar screens, but I wanted to be sure that you heard from me that the level of concern from allies on the ground in Jerusalem is actually greater about what is planned for Thursday than it was around the original date leading into May 10 (which was very high - and justifiably so).

I know you don't need this extra intel from me since we have an entire team on the ground, but - as with a month ago - I am deeply concerned about what could develop out of this and feel I'd be negligent in not raising.

Thanks for the open door to provide this input. Best, Jeremy

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From:	"Amr, Hady A" <(b)(6)@state.gov>
To:	(b)(6)(Jerusalem)(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)(Amman)(b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) (b)(6)@state.gov>
CC:	(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject:	FW: 2022 Jordan list on Jerusalem pre-calming.
Date:	Fri, 3 Feb 2023 22:03:07 +0000

Amman and Jerusalem colleagues,

Tremendous seeing you in recent weeks.

As we are about six weeks out from Ramadan,

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EMBASSY OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

WASHINGTON D.C.

No.

Ref.

Date 4/1/2022

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The Embassy of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan presents its compliments to the U.S. Department of State/Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and has the honor to share the enclosed document for the attention of Acting Assistant Secretary Ms. Yael Lempert, pursuant to the conversation between H.E. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs & Expatriates Mr. Ayman Safadi and the Honorable Secretary of State Antony Blinken that took place today, April 1st, 2022.

The Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the esteemed Department the assurances of its highest consideration.

**U.S. Department of State
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
Washington, D.C.**

Measures to ensure calm and avoid confrontation at Al Aqsa Mosque / Al Haram Al Sharif during Ramadan and beyond

Israel

1. Cease all actions and policies that undermines the Status Quo.
2. Closing Al Mughrabi gate during the month of Ramadan (coinciding dates start on 15 April). Closing it from that date onwards until the end of the Month.
3. Unhindered access of Muslim worshipers to Al Aqsa Mosque / Al Haram Al Sharif.
4. Imposing restrain orders on extreme Jews who are also actively involved in incitement activities and calls to storm Al Aqsa mosque / Al Haram Al Sharif..
5. Restricting lawmakers access and intrusions to Al Aqsa Mosque/ Al Haram Al Sharif
6. Easing security restriction in and around the Old City of Jerusalem.
7. Reduce police presence at Damascus Gate (One of the main entry points for the Old City of Jerusalem)
8. Stop restricting Waqf projects. The consolidation of Waqf authority and image will enable help maintaining calm.

List of Waqf Obstructed Projects and outstanding issues

- 1- Banning the Jordanian employment of 73 of al-Aqsa guards since 2017. (*only 15 commenced work on Monday 14 February 2022*)
- 2- Finishing the fire fight system and enable it to reach the roofed mosques.
- 3- Executing the inner and outer lighting of the Dome of the Rock.
- 4- Removing the Israeli police's loudspeakers installed on al-Aqsa walls.
- 5- Installing lightning rod on top of the Dome of the Rock.
- 6- Renovating Bab al-Rahmah, enabling the Ghazali Chair to use Bab al-Rhmah for teaching / learning and keep the site open for Muslim worshhppers.
- 8- Necessary tiling in many places in Al-aqsa.
- 9- Essential renovations at the Eastern Wall of al-Aqsa.
- 10- Allowing the entry of King Hussein Copy of Quraan into the museum of al-Aqsa.
- 11- Stop attempts of confiscating Waqf lands in Eastern Jerusalem, especially, in the surroundings of the Old City of Jerusalem, e.g. in al-Suwaneh and Silwan.
- 12- The municipality should return back the confiscated keys of the Waqf property at Al-Ghawanmeh Gate to the Jerusalem Awqaf.