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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. FL-2016-11198

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Dear Mr. Miano:

As we noted in our letter dated December 21, 2022, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified an additional three responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined that all three 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. 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, please contact Assistant United States Attorney Kartik Venguswamy at (202) 252-1790 or Kartik.Venguswamy@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the associated case number, F-2016-11198, and the civil action number, 1:17-cv-00118, in all communications regarding this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diamonece Hickson", with a large, stylized initial "D" and "H".

Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

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:

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

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METHODOLOGY AND RESULTS

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8. (SBU) To discourage Israelis from being recruited by entities claiming that it is legal to work on a B1/B2 visa, we began a fraud-prevention based outreach campaign in the spring of 2009 by launching our first video

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We attended university campus job fairs to educate

students about the consequences of illegal work in the United States and this year, (b)(7)(E)

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we were able to participate in our first Israeli Defense Force (IDF) discharge seminar in March 2011 (Reftel C). These seminars are typically held three times per year and each one is attended by more than 3,000 soldiers. (b)(7)(E)

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At the July 2011 mandatory

seminar, we printed several thousand copies of an outreach paper that was included in the IDF's discharge packet. Other facets of this campaign include educating young Israelis about the consequences of illegal work via social media outreach on our Consular blog, Twitter feed and Consular Face book page. For example in November 2010, when Ynet news published the story: "Foreign Ministry: Mall Carts an Embarrassment" (<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3988502,00.html>), in which the GOI urged young Israelis not to break the law by working illegally in the United States, we used our social media outreach tools to share the story with visa applicants, posting it on our Consular Facebook page, Twitter feed and Embassy Website.

9. (SBU) On June 23, 2011, we released a second, documentary-style video, "The Price is Too High," on the Embassy's You Tube channel to much local press attention (link to video:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/USEmbassyTelAviv#p/u/3/0LiorPHmGyY>). Numerous articles were published in newspapers and, to date, the new video has received almost 85,000 hits in its first month. Resulting "talkbacks" (comments on these news stories from the Israeli public), anecdotally suggest that awareness is growing among the Israeli public of the serious consequences of illegal work in the United States. We will report in more depth on the impact of this video campaign in a future cable.

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Training

- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Tel Aviv will strengthen its introductory training program for newly-arrived consular officers. Training will focus on achieving a better understanding of the Israeli applicant pool and teaching officers how to pursue effective lines of inquiry to understand an applicant's purpose of travel.
- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Tel Aviv plans to reach out more actively to members of the Israeli community, including Orthodox Jewish leaders and post-army travelers, inviting them to participate in discussions with consular officers. These discussions should lead to a better understanding of socio-economic realities in Israel, offering a context for making better informed decisions.
- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Tel Aviv will implement regular feedback sessions among officers to discuss decisions made in specific cases and review the steps taken to reach those decisions. These sessions can be organized by topics and led by the consular officer responsible for a particular portfolio. The goal will be to achieve greater consistency in adjudication among the officer corps at post.
- ~~(SBU)~~ Consular managers will conduct more thorough daily reviews of visa adjudications to ensure that all visas are adjudicated fairly and appropriately, and to inform themselves better on areas where more training is needed.
- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Tel Aviv will periodically solicit feedback from applicants through online surveys or other mechanisms to continue improving its customer service standards and incorporate the findings in training sessions.

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Outreach

- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Tel Aviv will redouble its efforts to educate the most at-risk segments of the applicant pool on the proper use of B-1/B-2 visas.
- ~~(SBU)~~ Post will ensure that applicants receive instructions on how to prepare for the visitor visa interview when they receive their appointment confirmation. These instructions will stress that applicants must be able to show how they will cover the costs of their trip and describe how they intend to spend their time the United States.
- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Tel Aviv will explore how to leverage the media better in efforts to raise awareness of activities that are not permissible on a visitor visa. For example, Post will create additional informational videos for distribution on YouTube and other public sites. We will also look for opportunities to insert explanations of the visa process into print media.
- ~~(SBU)~~ Post will collaborate with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) to dissuade young Israelis from responding to unscrupulous recruiters that advertise illegal employment in the United States. For example, the Embassy will participate in IDF job fairs.
- ~~(SBU)~~ Embassy Tel Aviv will intensify its effort to publicize potential legal avenues for young Israelis to travel and work in the United States through social media. A recent post alerting young Israelis to the opportunity of applying for a J-1 visa to participate in the program was shared widely and seen by 19,000 people. As a result of this campaign, and after Post provided answers to specific follow-up questions, Israel's second-largest newspaper, Yediot Ahronot, published a full-page article highlighting this possibility of working legally in the United States. More efforts along these lines will continue.
- ~~(SBU)~~ In March 2014, Embassy Tel Aviv created a new webpage highlighting the Summer Work and Travel (SWT) program for young

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university students which allows Israeli students to live and work in the United States during their summer vacation from college or university. <http://israel.usembassy.gov/consular/niv/nivswt.html>. Embassy Tel Aviv will continue to publicize similar programs in the near future.

- (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv will work with the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization to highlight opportunities for young Israelis to come to the United States to work as camp counselors on J-1 exchange visas and to create additional avenues for legal employment of young Israelis in the United States.

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