

**TKC AEROSPACE, INC. v. UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

1:15-CV-680

EXHIBIT 4



United States Department of State

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Case No. F-2013-16333

Segment: INL-0001A

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Dear Mr. Proxmire:

A Department of State Appeals Review Panel, whose members are listed in an enclosure to this letter, has considered your appeal of F-2014-16333, for the release of one document withheld in full and 17 withheld in part by the Department in the course of responding to your request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Panel has determined that the previously withheld portions of 17 documents must continue to be withheld.

The Panel has determined that one document must continue to be withheld in its entirety.

The material in the excised portions of six of the documents released in part and in the document withheld in full constitutes trade secrets or commercial or financial information obtained from a person and is privileged or confidential. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The information in the deleted portions of twelve other documents is of such a nature that its release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. It is therefore exempt from disclosure under subsection (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC Section 552(b)(6).

In one document, both the (b)(4) and (b)(6) exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act apply to the same document. Since this document is released

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in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

In your appeal letter, you requested that the Department make a second search of the files of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) for additional e-mail from Mr. Muhs. INL was tasked to perform this search and reported on February 23, 2015, that there are no additional documents.

Finally, you requested that the attachments that originally accompanied the emails provided in response to your request be released to you. The FOIA office has created a new case for those attachments and will release them to you as soon as our processing and review are complete.

The Panel's decision represents the final decision of the Department of State. If you wish to seek judicial review of this determination, you may do so under 5 USC Section 552(a)(4).

Sincerely,



Francis Terry M. Navarra
Chairman, Appeals Review Panel

Enclosures:

List of Panel Members



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