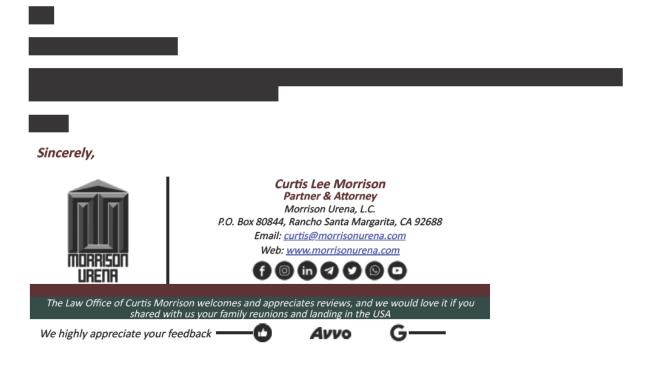
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- Date: Friday, January 14, 2022 at 4:40:04 AM Central Standard Time
- From: Curtis Lee Morrison
- To: Alexandra George



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Mr. Morrison:

This email acknowledges receipt of your December 9, 2021, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. § 552) request received by the U.S. Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services on December 10, 2021, regarding "(1) The ALDAC cable sent to consulates implementing guidance for the November 19, 2021 rescission of the November 12, 2020 ALDAC known as 21 STATE 110220. (2) Any ALDAC cables sent to consulates amending or rescinding the February 19, 2021 guidance known as 21 STATE 14702. (3) Any ALDAC cables sent to consulates regarding "systems issues" with scheduling visa interviews. (4) All records related to the December 9, 2021 decision by the Kentucky Consular Center for the pilot program changing the document submission policy for Diversity Visa applicants. (5) All records related to the implementation the Kentucky Consular Center's pilot program changing the document submission policy for Diversity Visa

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applicants, implemented on December 9, 2021. (6) Emails between Kentucky Consular Center Acting Director Morgan E. Miles and LDRM, Lockwood Hills Federal, or DTSV executives about the performance of contractors assigned to the Diversity Visa Program. (7) Guidance given by Kentucky Consular Center to employees and/or LDRM contractors regarding the implementation of any court orders regarding the Diversity Visa program, including orders in lawsuits known as Gomez, Goodluck, and Rai. (8) Any emails to Kentucky Consular Center Acting Director Morgan E. Miles regarding the Center's policy of not answering the telephone" (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/3/2021 To 12/9/2021). Unless you advise otherwise, we will treat as non-responsive any compilations of publicly available news reports and any publicly available documents not created by the U.S. government, such as mass-distribution emails from news media. This Office assigned your request the subject reference number and placed it in the complex processing track where it will be processed as quickly as possible. See 22 CFR § 171.11(h).

You requested expedited processing of this request. According to 22 CFR § 171.11(f), requests shall receive expedited processing when a requester demonstrates a "compelling need" for the information exists for one of the following reasons: (1) failure to obtain the requested information on an expedited basis could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; (2) the information is urgently needed by an individual primarily engaged in disseminating information in order to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal government activity; or (3) failure to release the information would impair substantial due process rights or harm substantial humanitarian interests. Your request does not demonstrate a "compelling need" for the requested information. Therefore, this Office denies your request for expedited processing.

If you are not satisfied with this Office's determination in response to your request for expedited processing, you may administratively appeal to: Appeals Officer, Office of Information Programs and Services, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Room B266, Washington, D.C. 20520; or facsimile at 202-485-1718. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this email.

This Office will not be able to respond within the 20 days provided by the statute due to "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). In this instance, the unusual circumstances include the need to search for and collect requested records from other Department offices or Foreign Service posts.

If you have any questions regarding your request, would like to narrow the scope or arrange an alternative time frame to speed its processing, or would like an estimated date of completion, please contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison by email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at 202-261-8484. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

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Sincerely,

Kellie N. Robinson Chief, Requester Liaison Division (Acting) FOIA Program Manager/FOIA Public Liaison U.S. Department of State

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