# Exhibit B

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
National Records Center
P.O. Box 648010
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010



COW2022006042 PIN: 854230

November 30, 2022

Chris Opila IRAP One Battery Park Plaza, 4th Floor New York, NY 10004

#### Dear Chris Opila:

Important: If You Normally Request by Fax or Email Notification

To respond to all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Privacy Act (PA) requests as quickly as possible, we will soon stop accepting requests by email and fax. We strongly encourage you to begin using our online FOIA service at <u>uscis.gov/foia</u>.

How to Select Online Delivery

- 1. Visit uscis.gov/foia to login to your USCIS online account or create one;
- 2. Once logged-in, select "FIRST," then click on "My Requests;"
- 3. Use your case control number COW2022006042 and PIN 854230 to "Register Case by PIN;"
- 4. Click the "Register Case" button; and
- 5. Login to your account to check the status of your request and download your records.

We received your request for information relating to:

- 1. All manuals, standard operating procedures, guidance documents, and other similar records, including, but not limited to, those addressing data entry, data maintenance, data reports, data retrieval, and data retention:
- 2. All data dictionaries and other similar records addressing status codes, data codes, abbreviations, acronyms, and events used in the case management systems;
- 3. All database schema;
- 4. All records sufficient to show a description of each type of report or query run by USCIS using data from a case management system and the criteria for each report or query.
- 5. All memoranda of understanding, interconnection security agreements, and other similar records for internal and external data sharing;
- 6. All contracts, memorandums of understanding, and other similar agreements with third parties regarding the creation, administration, operation, and maintenance of these case management systems;

Your request was received in this office on November 21, 2022. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2022006042. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

We respond to requests on a first-in, first-out basis and on a multi-track system. Your request has been placed in the complex track (Track 2).

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Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

Consistent with 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(a) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FOIA regulations, USCIS processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although USCIS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances. Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Additionally, due to the scope and nature of your request, USCIS will need to locate, compile, and review responsive records from multiple offices, both at headquarters and in the field. USCIS may also need to consult with another agency or other component of the Department of Homeland Security that have a substantial interest in the responsive information. Due to these unusual circumstances, USCIS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). Please contact our office if you would like to limit the scope of your request or to agree on a different timetable for the processing of your request. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

This office now offers an online delivery option. Visit <u>first.uscis.gov</u> to register this request. You will need to create a MyUSCIS account if you do not already have one. Once logged on, click the "Register Request" link where you will be prompted to enter your control number, COW2022006042, and PIN, 854230. A Compact Disc (CD) for use on your personal computer will be mailed if you do not wish to take advantage of digital delivery. To request your responsive records on paper, please include your control number and write to the above address, Attention: FOIA/PA Officer, or fax them to (802) 860-6908.

The National Records Center (NRC) has the responsibility to ensure that personally identifiable information (PII) pertaining to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) clients is protected. In our efforts to safeguard this information, we may request that additional information be provided to facilitate and correctly identify records responsive to your request. Though submission of this information is voluntary, without this information, your request may be delayed while additional steps are taken to ensure the correct responsive records are located and processed. Further, if we are unable to positively identify the subject of the record we may be unable to provide records responsive to your FOIA request.

You may check the status of your FOIA request online at <u>first.uscis.gov/#/check-status</u>. If you have any questions concerning your pending FOIA/PA request, or to check the status of a pending application or petition, please call The National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283. Please be aware that the National Records Center no longer accepts FOIA/PA related questions directly by phone.

All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing and be signed by the requester. Questions concerning this FOIA/PA request may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead or emailed to <a href="FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov">FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov</a>. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence with this office. You can now submit a new FOIA request online using our new Freedom of Information Act Records SysTem (FIRST). If you wish to submit a new FOIA/PA request, please visit <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/FOIA">www.uscis.gov/FOIA</a> for instructions and requirements.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Munita

Director, FOIA Operations



## You Can Receive the Records You Requested Faster Online

Although you made your initial request by paper, you can still select online delivery to receive your records faster, online.

#### If You Don't Select Online Delivery

You will need to wait for the records you requested to arrive by U.S. mail, requiring additional time for transit and receiving. These records will be on a CD-ROM, so you will need to use a computer with an optical drive to view them, instead of accessing them online as soon as they are available.

#### **How to Select Online Delivery**

- 1. Find your case number and PIN printed on your request acknowledgment letter;
- 2. Visit uscis.gov/foia to login to your USCIS online account or create one;
- 3. Once logged-in, select "FIRST", then click on "My Requests";
- 4. Complete the "Register Case by PIN" screen and click the "Register Case" button; and
- 5. Login to your account to check the status of your request and receive your records.

#### **Benefits of Selecting Online Delivery**

- Access your records faster than by mail;
- Respond faster if we ask you to give more information;
- Get an update by email when your request moves forward;
- Work with your representative through their USCIS online account;
- View your records online from a smartphone, tablet, or computer; and,
- Keep access to your records online and print them whenever you need.

### Make Your Next Request Faster, Easier Online

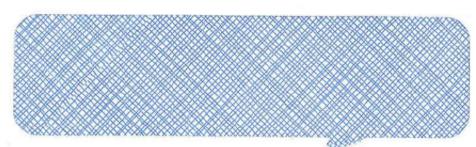
Whether you are a U.S. citizen, an applicant, or an immigration attorney, our online Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) services are a far more efficient way for you to receive records. Making your future FOIA and PA requests online, delivers your records faster and helps us improve our operations to better serve you, the immigration community, and the American people.

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