



**Department of the Treasury
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May 2, 2023

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Case number:

2023-11784

Dear Jordan N/A:

This is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 3, 2023, received in our office on April 3, 2023.

You asked for:

1. Any documents, including but not limited to reports, memoranda, and correspondence, related to any investigations into John David McAfee or any of his business ventures, including any EL SUR (electronic surveillance) records.
2. Any notes, emails, or other correspondence related to any interactions your agency had with Mr. McAfee, his associates, or his family members.
3. Any surveillance or investigative reports that mention Mr. McAfee or any of his business ventures, including any EL SUR records.
4. Any information on any charges or allegations made against Mr. McAfee, including any indictments, complaints, or information filed in court .
5. Any interagency communication related to John David McAfee or any of his business ventures.
6. Key-string search be performed on all relevant documents to identify any potentially relevant material that may not be specifically referenced in the above requests. Specifically, I request for any mentions of the following keywords:
 - McAfee
 - John David McAfee Cryptocurrency
 - Business ventures
 - Surveillance

Your request is being denied because the scope of your request extends to records, to the extent that any exist, that consist of or contain the return information of a third party. Please be advised that such records, to the extent that they exist, would be confidential and may not be disclosed unless specifically authorized by law. FOIA subsection (b)(3) permits the withholding of records that are specifically exempted from disclosure pursuant to a statute other than the FOIA. Section 6103 of Title 26, which consists of detailed provisions that concern the disclosure of returns and

return information, has been held to be a statute meeting the criteria of FOIA subsection (b)(3). Specifically, 26 U.S.C § 6103 prohibits the release of returns and return information unless disclosure is authorized by Title 26. As your request asks for third party return information and you have failed to demonstrate that any of the exceptions to the confidentiality provisions of section 6103 allow for disclosures to you, exemption (b)(3) is being asserted in conjunction with 26 U.S.C. section 6103(a) to withhold from you the return information, to the extent such records exist, of a third party.

There are no billable fees for this request.

While reviewing the responsive records and applying FOIA exemptions to withheld records, we considered that there is either a foreseeable harm in releasing withheld information or the information is prohibited from being released by law.

If you have questions regarding the processing of your FOIA request, please contact the caseworker assigned to your case at the phone number listed at the top of this letter.

If you are not able to resolve any concerns you may have regarding our response with the caseworker, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services by contacting our FOIA Public Liaisons at 312-292-3297. The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency, and assisting in the resolution of disputes with respect to the FOIA.

There is no provision for the FOIA Public Liaison to address non-FOIA concerns such as return filing and other tax-related matters or personnel matters. If you need assistance with tax-related issues, you may call the IRS at 800-829-1040.

You also have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The Office of Government Information Services, the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road--OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
202-741-5770
877-684-6448
ogis@nara.gov
ogis.archives.gov

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days from the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. I've enclosed Notice 393, Information on an IRS Determination to Withhold Records Exempt From the Freedom of Information Act - 5 U.S.C. 552, to explain your appeal rights.

Your decision to contact the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS for assistance resolving your dispute does not extend the 90-day period in which you can file an appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Fitti-Hafer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Deanna Fitti-Hafer
Disclosure Manager
Disclosure Office 13

Enclosure:
Notice 393



Notice 393

Information on an IRS Determination to Withhold Records Exempt From The Freedom of Information Act – 5 U.S.C. 552

Appeal Rights

You may file an appeal with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) within 90 days after we (1) deny you access to a record in whole or in part; (2) have made an adverse determination as to your category as a requester; (3) deny your request for a fee waiver or reduction; or (4) have advised you that no records responsive to your request exist. You may file an appeal within 10 days when a request for expedited processing has been denied.

Your appeal must be in writing, must be signed by you, and must contain:

Your name and address,

- Description of the requested records,
- Date of the request (and a copy, if possible),
- Identity of the office and contact on the response letter, and
- Date of the letter denying the request (and a copy, if possible)

Mail your appeal to:

Independent Office of Appeals

Attn: FOIA Appeals
M/Stop 55202
3211 S. Northpointe Drive
Fresno, California 93725

Judicial Review

If we deny your appeal, or do not address an issue raised in your appeal within 20 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal public holidays) after the date we receive your appeal, you may file a complaint in United States District Court in the district in which (1) you reside; (2) your principal place of business is located; (3) the records are located; or (4) the District of Columbia. A complaint may be filed within 10 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal public holidays) after the date we receive your appeal if your appeal is from an adverse determination of a request for expedited processing. If you choose to file suit before receipt of a final determination by the Appeals office, the administrative appeals process may cease.

The rule for effecting service of judicial process upon the Internal Revenue Service is set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i). In addition to service upon the United States, as set forth in Rule 4(i)(1), service must be made upon the Internal Revenue Service by registered or certified mail as set forth in Rule 4(i)(2)(A).

The address of the Internal Revenue Service is: Internal Revenue Service, Attention CC:PA, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20224.

Exemptions

The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, does not apply to matters that are:

(b)(1) • specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified under such executive order,

(b)(2) • related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency,

(b)(3) • specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that the statute:

(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or

(B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld.

Note: Internal Revenue Code sections 6103 and 6105 are statutes which qualify for exemption 3 treatment. Section 6103 protects the confidentiality of tax returns and information pertaining to a taxpayer collected by the IRS. Section 6105 protects information obtained from a foreign country under a tax treaty.

(b)(4) • trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential,

(b)(5) • inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency,

(b)(6) • personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,

(b)(7) • records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information:

(A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings,

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- (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication,
 - (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,
 - (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source,
 - (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or
 - (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.
- (b)(8) • contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions, or
- (b)(9) • geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.
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