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EXHIBIT 1

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Date of Filing, Nature of Request, FOIA Request Number

FOIA Requests with State Department

Date of Request	Nature of Request	Case Number
October 2018	All e-mail correspondence sent by and received by the Consular Section Chief of the US Embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Hadi K. Deeb, from 6/1/2017 to 10/10/2018	F-2019-00338
Nov. 14, 2018	All e-mails sent by and received by the Consular Section Chief of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India, Michael P. Evans, from 1/15/2015 to 4/15/2015	F-2019-01308
Nov. 14, 2018	All e-mails sent by and received by the Consul General of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India, Ed Kagan, from 11/1/2017 to 02/28/2018.	F-2019-01309
Feb. 15, 2020	Please provide all documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review (also known as consular norms) used at the US Embassy in Moscow. (9 FAM 601.4-2 details the generalized Department of State's policy on Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review. This request is post-specific: it is for all documentation related to the US Embassy in Moscow's particular Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review processes.) From January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request.	F-2020-03745
Feb. 15, 2020	The requested records are within the domain of the Bureau of Consular Affairs; Visa Directorate; Office of Legislation, Regulations and Advisory Assistance (CA/VO/L); Advisory Opinions Division. The Advisory Opinions Division operates LegalNet, a dedicated email channel for visa applicants and their representatives to request Legal Advisory Opinions on the interpretation of U.S. immigration law in specific visa cases that were raised, but could not be resolved, with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate where the case was adjudicated. 9 FAM 103.4 sets out the purpose and scope of LegalNet. Other than the Foreign Affairs Manual provisions, we request the internal instructional guide/manual for personnel who process and respond to requests received by LegalNet. This request encompasses all materials, records, powerpoints, presentations, documents, memoranda, etc... a) used to train personnel who man the legalnet@state.gov e-mail box and b) routinely used by this personnel in the processing of requests and the preparation of responses to inquiries and requests for advisory opinions from the public. The time period of my request is from 11/01/2017 to the date of fulfillment of this	F-2020-03944

	request.	
Feb. 15, 2020	All complaints made against consular officers by visa applicants, records relating to those complaints, records relating to how the Department of State or consular management handled those complaints, records relating to disciplinary or other measures taken in each of those complaints, and an index of those requested records. Note that this Request does not ask for information regarding the visa applicants themselves, nor does it request visa files. This request pertains to consular officers; complaints filed against them by visa applicants; Departmental disciplinary action against these officers, if any; and any statistics maintained by the Department in this regard. Such complaints may include, but are not limited to, discrimination; illegal conduct; unethical conduct; bullying; coercion; abuse; and rude or unprofessional treatment. The Bureau of Consular Affairs (including the Visa Office), Office of Inspector General, and any divisions with responsibilities for human resources and employee discipline would have responsive records. From January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of request.	F-2020-03951
Feb. 15, 2020	With the exception of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 22 Code of Federal Regulations and 8 Code of Federal Regulations, and 9 Foreign Affairs Manual, any and all materials (e.g., manuals, guidelines, powerpoints, cables, flowcharts, tables, summaries, overviews) used by the Department of State in training consular officers. These requested materials cover training to make visa adjudications, including Foreign Service Institute Basic Consular Course, Foreign Service Institute Fraud Prevention Course. and Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Adjudication Training (Interview Handbook, Lecture Materials, Study Tools, Case Studies). From Jan. 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request.	F-2020-03954
March 1, 2020	All e-mails on the subject of nonimmigrant visa revocations, cancellations, and/or refusals-denials from or to Michael Yoder, Consul General at US Embassy in Moscow (Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs). The time period of my request is from 09/01/2018 to 12/31/2019.	F-2020-04329
March 1, 2020	Any and all visa-related materials, documents, powerpoints, etc..., other than the Foreign Affairs Manual, Code of Federal Regulations and Immigration and Nationality Act, used to train consular staff at the US Embassy in Moscow from January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request.	F-2020-04345

EXHIBIT 2

Case F-2019-00338: Department of State Acknowledgement Letter assigning
Case #, Follow-up Correspondence



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

No FOIA Acknowledgement Letter with Case # Received

FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 11:26 AM

Dear Kenneth White,

This is in response to your e-mail below concerning the status of your Freedom of Information Act request that were submitted on November 14, 2018. Acknowledgement letters for the first three cases below (307, 308, 309) were dated December 14, 2018 and a copy of those letter were sent to you by e-mail on December 21, 2018. Copies attached. See the case numbers assigned to each request that was submitted:

F-2019-01307 – All e-mails sent by and received by the Consul at the US Embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Hadi Deeb, from 7/15/2018 to 10/15/2018.

F-2019-01308 – All e-mails sent by and received by the Consular Section Chief of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India, Michael P. Evans, from 1/15/2015 to 4/15/2015.

F-2019-01309 – All e-mails sent by and received by the Consul General of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India, Ed Kagan.

X F-2019-00338 – All e-mail correspondence sent by and received by the Consular Section Chief of the US Embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Hadi K. Deeb, from 6/1/2017 to 10/10/2018. This case was submitted in October 2018. A copy of the acknowledgement letter was recently mailed (February 4, 2019) and a copy is included in this e-mail.

Our electronic filing system has no record of receiving one or your request.

Please re-submit the request for the following: **"All e-mails sent by and received by the Consul at the US Embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Hadi Deeb for the periods of 7/15/2017 to 10/15/17. This request may have been an oversight due to the FOIA request above with the same subject matter with a different time period.**

Your request are being processed. You will be notified of the results of the Department's search and review efforts in response to these request as soon as that information becomes available.

If you have further concerns or any questions regarding any FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA

Requester Service Center (FRSC) at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 10:18 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>; FOIA Request <FOIA@usdos.onmicrosoft.com>

Subject: No FOIA Acknowledgement Letter with Case # Received

Dear FOIA Officer,

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2019-00338

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Wed, Aug 21, 2019 at 4:39 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of the above-mentioned FOIA request, now pending with your office beyond the statutory limit. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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FOIA Status <FOIAstatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Fri, Aug 23, 2019 at 12:42 PM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding the status of FOIA Case Control Number F-2019-00338. The Office of Information Programs and Services electronic records system indicates that your request remains in process. You will be notified of the estimated date of completion to this request as soon as that information becomes available.

We appreciate your continued patience.

If you have further concerns or any questions regarding any FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 7:39 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
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F-2019-00338 - pending 26 months - Hadi K Deeb, Consular Chief in Tashkent

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Dec 6, 2020 at 8:42 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since October 2018:

All e-mail correspondence sent by and received by the Consular Section Chief of the US Embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Hadi K. Deeb, from 6/1/2017 to 10/10/2018

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Wed, Dec 9, 2020 at 6:40 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2019-00338.

The Office of Information Programs and Services electronic records system indicates that request control number F-2019-00338 continues to be processed. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is still July 13, 2022. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

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From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 11:42 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Subject: F-2019-00338 - pending 26 months - Hadi K Deeb, Consular Chief in Tashkent

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since October 2018:

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FW: FOIA Request #F-2019-00338 (Department of State) - Respond by 2/16/21

4 messages

Bryant, Mario E <BryantME@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>
Cc: "Bryant, Mario E" <BryantME@state.gov>

Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 12:40 PM

Good Afternoon Mr. White,

I am the FOIA Analyst that is currently processing the request that you submitted to The Department of State (FOIA Branch), and I attached your request for your review with hopes that you can be more specific and narrow the scope of it. I would like to recommend that you provide me with a specific topic of discussion and, or person/persons who the emails were received by?

*- Without that information it may cause a further delay of your request being processed and completed, and possibly produce a large amount of insignificant information, its relevancy. Therefore, if you are able to let me know what you are actually seeking would be more beneficial for you. Also, **it would be greatly appreciated if you could respond back to me by COB on 2/16/2021.** Thanks in advance.*

Mario E. Bryant

FOIA Analyst

Contractor – CORTEK


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Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: "Bryant, Mario E" <BryantME@state.gov>

Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 8:55 PM

Dear Mr. Bryant,

Thank you for the message.

You have asked that I be more specific and narrow the scope of the request. This request is focused on any e-mail correspondence that deals with visa matters. The term "visa matters" should be viewed as broadly as possible, covering visa adjudications, policies, procedures, processes, checklists, instructions, directions, guidance, oversight, training, investigations, and any other-visa related issue. This request is only specific to Mr. Deeb, i.e., covers any and all correspondence to or from him or on which he is courtesy copied.

If something is not clear, please feel free to contact me.

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Bryant, Mario E <BryantME@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 9:22 AM

Good Afternoon Mr. White,

I apologize for my tardy response to your response you provided. I appreciate you providing your response and adding some much needed information, in regards to the keyword "visas", as that was not mentioned in your original FOIA request. I think this may help the office(s) responsible for conducting the records search a lot easier. If I have any other questions/requests, I will let you know. In the meantime have a great weekend.

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FOIA Request #F-2019-00338 (Department of State) - pending since Oct. 2018

5 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: "Bryant, Mario E" <BryantME@state.gov>

Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Dear Mr. Bryant,

I am just circling back with you on this request. Can you please advise when I may expect responsive materials?
Thank you.

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From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:55 PM
To: Bryant, Mario E <BryantME@state.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: FOIA Request #F-2019-00338 (Department of State) - Respond by 2/16/21

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Bryant, Mario E <BryantME@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Thu, Jul 22, 2021 at 11:20 AM

Good Afternoon Mr. White,

I appreciate your patience, but I am unable to provide you an exact date of when you will receive any responsive material, if they do exist. Please be advised that the government agency that I am supporting (Department of State) is utilizing maximum telework due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, if you have further questions please email FOIASTATUS@STATE.GOV as they will be able to assist you. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Mr. Mario E Bryant

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Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:36 PM

To: "Bryant, Mario E" <BryantME@state.gov>, CA-VO FOIA Request <CA-VO-FOIA-Request@state.gov>, DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Dear Mr. Bryant and FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request. Thank you.

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Bryant, Mario E <BryantME@state.gov>

Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 8:30 AM

To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>, CA-VO FOIA Request <CA-VO-FOIA-Request@state.gov>, FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Mr. White,

I am checking on the status of the case with VO FOIA Office within the Department of State and hope to get back to you sometime this week. I am also reviewing some other documents received and reviewing for responsiveness.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 8:09 AM

To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services is in receipt of your inquiry below. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2019-00338 - pending >4 years - Hadi K Deeb, Consular Chief in Tashkent

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 5:54 PM

To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Dear FOIA Officer, please promptly provide these materials. More than 4 years has elapsed since this request has been filed. Thank you.

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From: **FOIA Status** <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Date: Wed, Dec 9, 2020 at 6:40 AM

Subject: Re: F-2019-00338 - pending 26 months - Hadi K Deeb, Consular Chief in Tashkent

To: white@bridgewest.com <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2019-00338.

The Office of Information Programs and Services electronic records system indicates that request control number F-2019-00338 continues to be processed. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is still July 13, 2022. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

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Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding FOIA request control number F-2019-00338.

The Department currently has a backlog of FOIA/Privacy Act requests and is working through it as quickly as possible. As the Department continues to work through its backlog, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that your request is in process. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is July 30, 2025. Please note that EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If your request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent to you sooner.

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We appreciate your continued patience.

Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

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Dear FOIA Officer,

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EXHIBIT 3

Case F-2019-01308: Department of State Acknowledgement Letter assigning
Case #, Follow-up Correspondence



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

FOIA Request Letter

State Department FOIA <noreply@mail.foia.state.gov>
To: white@bridgewest.com

Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 10:57 AM

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 11/14/2018. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

All e-mails sent by and received by the Consular Section Chief of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India, Michael P. Evans.

The time period of my request is from 01/15/2015 to 04/15/2015
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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request: F-2019-01308.pdf

Bellamy, Sarah E <BellamySE@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Fri, Dec 21, 2018 at 6:50 AM

Dear Mr. White,

Attached is an acknowledgement letter regarding your November 14, 2018 request to the Department of State. Thank you for your time and patience. Have a nice day!

Sincerely,

Department of State


Office of Information, Programs and Services (IPS)

FOIAstatus@state.gov

(202) 261-8484

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 **F-2019-01308.pdf**
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 14, 2018

FOIA Control Number F-2019-01308

Kenneth White
21550 Oxnard Street
Suite 300
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
white@bridgewest.com

Dear Mr. White:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 14, 2018, pursuant to FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (DOS), in which you requested all emails sent by and received by the Consular Section Chief of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India.

The Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) received your FOIA request on November 14, 2018. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. In addition, we have placed your request in the complex category.

This Office has adopted a first in/first out practice of processing all incoming requests. Your request has been placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt and will be handled as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding the status of your request or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202)-261-8484.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "KWR/for".

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2019-01308

FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Tue, Sep 24, 2019 at 8:24 AM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) is in receipt of your inquiry below regarding case control number F-2019-01308. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

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Dear FOIA Officer,

[Quoted text hidden]

White & Associates

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2019-01308 - Intent to Initiate Litigation

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 7:01 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

This straightforward request has now been pending in your office for more than 1 year.

Please be advised of our intention to initiate litigation if the requested materials are not provided by March 15, 2020.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,
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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 7:58 AM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below. We apologize for the delayed response.

Your FOIA request F-2019-01308 remains in process. Please be assured that the Department is working as quickly as possible to be responsive to your request. As soon as the search and review process have been completed, you will be informed of the results.

Your continued patience is appreciated.

If you have further concerns or any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (202) 261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2019-01308 - pending 20 months

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 5:41 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

This request has been pending with your office since November 2018. Please advise when we may anticipate a responsive reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Jul 20, 2020 at 11:55 AM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA Case Control Number F-2019-01308.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that this request is in process and has a May 8, 2023, estimated date of completion. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing your request as quickly as possible. If your request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent to you sooner.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding a FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

**F-2019-01308 - pending > 2 years - Emails of Michael P. Evans Consular Chief
Mumbai**

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Dec 6, 2020 at 8:54 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since November 2018:

All e-mails sent by and received by the Consular Section Chief of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India, Michael P. Evans, from 1/15/2015 to 4/15/2015

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Wed, Dec 9, 2020 at 7:19 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2019-01308.

The Office of Information Programs and Services electronic records system indicates that request control number F-2019-01308 continues to be processed. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is still May 8, 2023. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

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Dear FOIA Officer,

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Sincerely,

Ken White

White & Associates

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Re: F-2019-01308 - pending 44 months - Emails of Michael P. Evans Consular Chief Mumbai

3 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:42 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>, CA-VO FOIA Request <CA-VO-FOIA-Request@state.gov>

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Dec 9, 2020 at 7:20 AM FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov> wrote:

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2019-01308.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 11:54 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Subject: F-2019-01308 - pending > 2 years - Emails of Michael P. Evans Consular Chief Mumbai

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since November 2018:

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 8:21 AM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services is in receipt of your inquiry below. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Sep 26, 2022 at 10:56 AM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below concerning FOIA case number F-2019-01308.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that this request remain in process and has an estimated date of completion (EDC) of July 31, 2023. Please note, EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding a FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Sincerely,

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FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 11:42 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>; CA-VO FOIA Request <CA-VO-FOIA-Request@state.gov>



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

**F-2019-01308 - pending >4 years - Emails of Michael P. Evans Consular Chief
Mumbai**

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 5:43 PM

Dear FOIA Officer, please promptly provide these materials. More than 4 years has elapsed since this request has been filed. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Date: Mon, Sep 26, 2022 at 10:56 AM
Subject: RE: F-2019-01308 - pending 44 months - Emails of Michael P. Evans Consular Chief Mumbai
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below concerning FOIA case number F-2019-01308.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that this request remain in process and has an estimated date of completion (EDC) of July 31, 2023. Please note, EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 8:25 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA case number F-2019-01308.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates this request remains in process and still has an estimated date of completion (EDC) of July 31, 2023. Please note, EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

Please be advised that the Department currently has a backlog of FOIA requests and is working through it as quickly as possible. As the Department continues to work through its backlog of FOIA requests, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

We apologize for the delayed response and appreciate your continued patience.

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EXHIBIT 4

Case F-2019-01309: Department of State Acknowledgement Letter assigning
Case #, Follow-up Correspondence



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

FOIA Request Letter

State Department FOIA <noreply@mail.foia.state.gov>
To: white@bridgewest.com

Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 11:04 AM

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 11/14/2018. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

All e-mails sent by and received by the Consul General of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India, Ed Kagan.

The time period of my request is from 11/01/2017 to 02/28/2018

I am affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for use in the company's business.

I am willing to pay \$25 for my request.

My additional comments are as follows:

N/A

Contact Information

Mr. Kenneth White

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 14, 2018

FOIA Control Number F-2019-01309

Kenneth White
21550 Oxnard Street
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white@bridgewest.com

Dear Mr. White:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 14, 2018, pursuant to FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (DOS), in which you requested all emails sent by and received by the Consul General of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India, Ed Kagan.

The Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) received your FOIA request on November 14, 2018. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. In addition, we have placed your request in the complex category.

This Office has adopted a first in/first out practice of processing all incoming requests. Your request has been placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt and will be handled as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding the status of your request or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202)-261-8484.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "KNR/for".

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2019-01309

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Wed, Aug 21, 2019 at 4:38 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of the above-mentioned FOIA request, now pending with your office beyond the statutory limit. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Tue, Sep 24, 2019 at 8:25 AM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) is in receipt of your inquiry below regarding case control number F-2019-01309. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2019-01309 - pending since November 2018

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 5:39 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

This request has been pending with your office since November 2018. Please advise when we may anticipate a responsive reply. Thank you.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Jul 20, 2020 at 11:53 AM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA Case Control Number F-2019-01309.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that this request is in process and has a May 8, 2023, estimated date of completion. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing your request as quickly as possible. If your request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent to you sooner.

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Regards,

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FOIA Requester Service Center

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2019-01309 - pending > 2 years - Emails of Ed Kagan, Consul General Mumbai

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Dec 6, 2020 at 8:48 PM

To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Dear FOIA Officer,

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Wed, Dec 9, 2020 at 7:15 AM

To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2019-01309.

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Sincerely,

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FOIA Requester Service Center

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Dear FOIA Officer,

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Sincerely,

Ken White

White & Associates

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

**Re: F-2019-01309 - pending 44 months- Emails of Ed Kagan, Consul General
Mumbai**

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:43 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>, CA-VO FOIA Request <CA-VO-FOIA-Request@state.gov>

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On Wed, Dec 9, 2020 at 7:16 AM FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov> wrote:

Mr. White,

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U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 11:48 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Subject: F-2019-01309 - pending > 2 years - Emails of Ed Kagan, Consul General Mumbai

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F-2019-01309 - pending > 4 years - Emails of Ed Kagan, Consul General Mumbai

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 5:51 PM

To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Dear FOIA Officer, please promptly provide these materials. More than 4 years has elapsed since this request has been filed. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: **FOIA Status** <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Date: Wed, Dec 9, 2020 at 7:16 AM

Subject: Re: F-2019-01309 - pending > 2 years - Emails of Ed Kagan, Consul General Mumbai

To: white@bridgewest.com <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2019-01309.

The Office of Information Programs and Services electronic records system indicates that request control number F-2019-01309 continues to be processed. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is still May 8, 2023. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484 or send an email to foiastatus@state.gov

Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 11:48 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Subject: F-2019-01309 - pending > 2 years - Emails of Ed Kagan, Consul General Mumbai

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since November 2018:

All e-mails sent by and received by the Consul General of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, India, Ed Kagan. The time period of my request is from 11/01/2017 to 02/28/2018

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding FOIA request control number F-2019-01309.

The Department currently has a backlog of FOIA/Privacy Act requests and is working through it as quickly as possible. As the Department continues to work through its backlog, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that your request is in process. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is May 8, 2023. Please note that EDCs are estimates and are subject to change.

If you have further questions or concerns regarding a FOIA-related matter, you may contact the FOIA Requester Service Center via email at foiastatus@state.gov.

We appreciate your continued patience.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT 5

Case F-2020-03745: Department of State Acknowledgement Letter assigning
Case #, Follow-up Correspondence



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

FOIA Request Letter

State Department FOIA <noreply@mail.foia.state.gov>
To: white@bridgewest.com

Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 6:40 PM

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The time period of my request is from 01/01/2017 to 02/14/2020

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My additional comments are as follows:

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Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 6:38 PM

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The records I request can be described as follows:

Please provide all documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review (also known as consular norms) used at the US Embassy in Yerevan. (9 FAM 601.4-2 details the generalized Department of State's policy on Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review. This request is post-specific: it is for all documentation related to the US Embassy in Yerevan's particular Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review processes.) From January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (not end date indicated in Date Range box).

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Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 6:42 PM

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The records I request can be described as follows:

Please provide all documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review (also known as consular norms) used at the US Embassy in Mexico City. (9 FAM 601.4-2 details the generalized Department of State's policy on Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review. This request is post-specific: it is for all documentation related to the US Embassy in Mexico City's particular Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review processes.) From January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (not end date indicated in Date Range box).

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To: white@bridgewest.com

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The records I request can be described as follows:

Please provide all documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review (also known as consular norms) used at the US Embassy in New Delhi. (9 FAM 601.4-2 details the generalized Department of State's policy on Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review. This request is post-specific: it is for all documentation related to the US Embassy in New Delhi's particular Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review processes.) From January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (not end date indicated in Date Range box).

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Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 6:48 PM

To: white@bridgewest.com

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The records I request can be described as follows:

Please provide all documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review (also known as consular norms) used at the US Embassy in Beijing. (9 FAM 601.4-2 details the generalized Department of State's policy on Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review. This request is post-specific: it is for all documentation related to the US Embassy in Beijing's particular Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review processes.) From January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (not end date indicated in Date Range box).

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Please provide all documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review (also known as consular norms) used at the US Consulate General in Rio de Janeiro. (9 FAM 601.4-2 details the generalized Department of State's policy on Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review. This request is post-specific: it is for all documentation related to the US Consulate General in Rio de Janeiro's particular Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review processes.) From January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (not end date indicated in Date Range box).

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Please provide all documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review (also known as consular norms) used at the US Consulate General in Istanbul. (9 FAM 601.4-2 details the generalized Department of State's policy on Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review. This request is post-specific: it is for all documentation related to the US Consulate General in Istanbul's particular Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review processes.) From January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (not end date indicated in Date Range box).

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Ref: F-2020-03745, Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement

1 message

CormierNJ@state.gov <CormierNJ@state.gov>

Thu, Feb 20, 2020 at 8:37 AM

To: white@bridgewest.com

****THIS EMAIL BOX IS NOT MONITORED, PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL.****

Mr. White:

This email acknowledges receipt of your ten (10) February 15, 2020, 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 February 18, 2020, regarding the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review used at the following U.S. Embassies: Moscow, Kyiv, Tashkent, Yerevan, London, Mexico City, New Delhi, Beijing, Rio de Janeiro, and Istanbul. This Office opted to aggregate these requests. 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).

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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nicholas J. Cormier

Nicholas J. Cormier
Chief, Requester Communications Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

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3 messages

CwynarCM@state.gov <CwynarCM@state.gov>

Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at 11:20 AM

To: white@bridgewest.com

Good afternoon Mr. White,

My name is Christopher Cwynar and I am a Government Information Specialist in the Department of State's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office, Intake Branch. Our Visa Office has asked me to reach out to you for clarification/refinement of your recent request (F-2020-03745) for Department records pertaining to Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review as they have been applied at selected U.S. overseas Foreign Service posts. Specifically, they would like to know the following:

- You have requested records from 10 different posts which would take a great deal of time to collect and review. Is it possible that perhaps just one embassy would meet your research needs?
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The Visa Office has explained to me that, as your request stands now, the search for responsive records would constitute a massive, worldwide undertaking, and after the records are provided to their office, it would take some time to review them. In short, any assistance you can offer them to streamline your request would be greatly appreciated. However, if you are unable to further refine the parameters of your request, they will need to know that as well.

Please feel free to reply to me directly. I will then forward your response to the Visa Office's FOIA Team Leader. My direct telephone number is 202.485.2144 and my office email is cwynarcm@state.gov. So that we may process your request in as timely a manner as possible, would you please respond to this email no later than Close of Business, Friday, March 6, 2020?

Respectfully,

Christopher M. Cwynar

Government Information Specialist

U.S. Department of State

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Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Thu, Mar 5, 2020 at 8:00 AM

To: CwynarCM@state.gov

Dear Mr. Cwynar,

Thank you for this e-mail. I appreciate your diligence in following up and clarifying this request.

To simplify my request, let us just focus on three consular posts:

1. London
2. Moscow
3. Tashkent

Each consular post has its own standards based on local practices, experiences, and conditions, and thus it is critical to query each post individually. As discussed in the relevant FAM provision, the request focuses on how visa cases are adjudicated "at a particular post in the local context." This process is colloquially known as "consular norming". To crystallize the task, below is excerpted the FAM provision of interest

9 FAM 601.4-2 (U) ADJUDICATION STANDARDS AND SUPERVISORY CASE REVIEW

(CT:VISA-847; 06-04-2019)

a. (U) Adjudication Standards:

(1) (U) Adjudication standards are a shared understanding among adjudicators, guided by consular managers, about how to adjudicate cases at a particular post in the local context. Establishment and monitoring of visa adjudication standards are two of the most important roles of a consular manager working in a visa operation. Standard-setting assures quality control by ensuring that adjudicatory decisions are appropriate, fair, and uniform at each post, even as adjudicators base decisions on the specific circumstances of each case. They also ensure correct application of applicable law and regulations, and should be drafted with a view to enhancing U.S. border security, while facilitating legitimate travel. Furthermore, setting and monitoring standards can help to detect and prevent misfeasance or malfeasance.

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Thus, we are interested in

"all documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review (also known as consular norms) used at"

1. the US Embassy in London
2. the US Embassy in Moscow
3. the US Embassy in Tashkent

This topic was raised at the American Immigration Lawyer's Association recent meeting with the Department of State. I have attached the relevant excerpt from that meeting in which DOS discusses this provision of the FAM.

Timeframe: it is not clear to me when posts started utilizing such visa adjudication standards, thus our request covers the January 1, 2017-Present time period.

Types of Visas: these standards are primarily used in the adjudication of nonimmigrant visas, but may be used in adjudicating immigrant visas as well, so this request covers both nonimmigrant and immigrant visas. The nonimmigrant visa categories of interest:

1. B - visitors for business, pleasure, medical
2. E-1 - trade
3. E-2 - investor
4. F - student
5. H-1B - employment
6. L - employment
7. O - extraordinary ability
8. P - athletes, artists, entertainers I

Because the posts deal with far fewer immigrant visa applications, this request covers each category of immigrant visa.

Let me know if you need further clarification.

Thank you again for your diligence.

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Cwynar, Christopher <CwynarCM@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Thu, Mar 5, 2020 at 8:33 AM

Good morning Mr. White,

Thank you for your assistance. I will forward your email to the Visa Office's FOIA Team Leader today. From this point going forward, the Visa Office will be taking the lead on your request. However, I remain available to answer any questions you may have regarding the FOIA Intake process here at the Department of State. I wish you the best of luck with your research.

Respectfully,

Christopher M. Cwynar

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From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
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Subject: Re: Ref: F-2020-03745, Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement

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Dept. of State FOIA Request F-2020-03745

4 messages

De Maria, Joseph <DeMariaJ@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Tue, May 5, 2020 at 10:33 AM

I am from the Department of State/Bureau of Administration/Office of Information Programs and Services (A/GIS /IPS). I am contacting you regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 15 February 2020 with the tracking number F-2020-03745. You have been in contact with my colleague, Christopher Cwynar about modifying that request.

It would be helpful if we had more clarity about your request for records concerning visa adjudicating standards at Embassies Moscow, London and Tashkent.

We would like to work with you to make the request more specific so you can receive what you need sooner rather than later. We would like you to consider how you might modify your request further.

We suggest there are four ways in which your request might be modified to get you what you need soonest:

Timeframe:

Normally, there is a specific event or announcement which prompts interest in documents and we search records around that date. The usual timeframe for requests for documents is about two months. We gather from your correspondence that event might be the time when visa adjudicating standards were changed or modified at the Embassies in question. Your original request was for documents from "January 1, 2017-Present time period." However, in your 5 March email, you stated "it is not clear to me when posts started utilizing such visa adjudication standards." Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) guidance on adjudication standards has existed since 2011, meaning it is not new guidance as of 2017. Would you be willing to narrow this timeframe further, given that information?

Documents:

You originally requested "all documents, PowerPoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to the Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review (also known as consular norms)." Validation studies are used only indirectly to set adjudication standards. Perhaps you are really only interested in a subset of the document types originally requested. For example, are you interested in what the final standards were, or the back-and-forth discussions about developing those standards?

Visa adjudication standards:

Clarification you provided in your 5 March email seems to indicate that you is interested solely in Visa Adjudication Standards, not Supervisory Case Review. In addition to ad hoc supervisory review, as necessary, supervisors review a sample of randomly selected adjudications daily. As a former consular manager, I can tell you those random

reviews seldom raise questions. Perhaps you would like to limit to records pertaining only to Visa Adjudication Standards.

Posts:

Lastly, would you be willing to narrow further the number of posts from which you seek documents, based on the additional information about the FAM guidance existing since 2011. Your original inquiry concerned only Embassy Moscow. That would be representative of the standards in place at other posts.

Please be aware that each record must be reviewed and cleared by an American staff member with Top Secret Clearance. If a record is from another U.S. Government agency or mentions another agency, that agency must go through the same process. Therefore, the more specific the request, the fewer records that must be reviewed and the sooner we can respond to you.

Reformulating your original request with an eye toward narrowing its scope and making it more specific would help us fulfill your request thoroughly and expeditiously. If you'd like, we can make an appointment to speak on the phone about your request. We can use e-mail to arrange a time to speak or you can call me on my private mobile line (I'm teleworking) during business hours at: (956) 337-9016.

Thank you,

Joseph De Maria

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: "De Maria, Joseph" <DeMariaJ@state.gov>

Wed, May 6, 2020 at 10:34 PM

Dear Mr. De Maria,

Thank you for reaching out and providing that comprehensive response.

To avoid misunderstandings and maximize efficiency, I will answer your questions and comment below, but I did want to first highlight the baselines for this request:

1. the relevant FAM provision
2. DOS-AILA Liaison Minutes in which consular norming is discussed and
3. the experiences of immigration practitioners

The relevant FAM provision (with the points of emphasis in red) is

9 FAM 601.4-2 (U) ADJUDICATION STANDARDS AND SUPERVISORY CASE REVIEW

(CT:VISA-847; 06-04-2019)

a. (U) Adjudication Standards:

- (1) **(U)** Adjudication standards are a shared understanding among adjudicators, guided by consular managers, about how to adjudicate cases at a particular post in the local context. Establishment and monitoring of visa adjudication standards are two of the most important roles of a consular manager working in a visa operation. Standard-setting assures quality control by ensuring that adjudicatory decisions are appropriate, fair, and uniform at each post, even as adjudicators base decisions on the specific circumstances of each case. They also ensure correct application of applicable law and regulations, and should be drafted with a view

to enhancing U.S. border security, while facilitating legitimate travel. Furthermore, setting and monitoring standards can help to detect and prevent misfeasance or malfeasance.

(2) (U) Establishment of adjudication standards, and monitoring to ensure that line officers adjudicate according to these norms, are part of the performance management cycle: Managers must train adjudicators on the standards; ensure all consular officers in the section meet periodically to discuss and calibrate standards, which should be adjusted as needed due to changing local conditions and through metrics such as validations studies; conduct adjudication reviews to monitor how officers are putting them into practice; provide feedback (both positive and negative); and feed these data into the performance management process.

In the Fall 2019 DOS-AILA Minutes, AILA characterized this process as certain posts such as London using "certain objective metrics to determine visa eligibility." Attached. In other words, in addition to generally applicable standards and considerations in visa decisions, each post considers local factors and issues when making visa decisions. For example, it is well-known that the overwhelming majority of non-Western European third country nationals who recently settled in the UK are almost always denied B visas at the Embassy in London. This would be an "objective metric" used by consular officers in London to "determine visa eligibility." Similarly, in Moscow, the Embassy denies B visa entrepreneur and professional applicants with "objectionable" direct or indirect affiliations to the Russian government, as well as student visa applicants with "questionable" sources of funds (the President of AmCham in Russia was recently quoted on this topic). These are "objective metrics" used by consular officers in Moscow to "determine visa eligibility."

Basically, I am interested in the documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, and training materials used by consular officers at the posts in London, Moscow, and Tashkent reflecting local adjudicatory standards, considerations, norms, and factors. I am not interested in general INA, CFR, and FAM materials because they are pertinent and applied worldwide.

Your comments regarding Supervisory Case Review and validation studies are well-taken and I withdraw those requests.

Timeframe: your comment is noted. Let us confine the request to the present time, i.e., those standards/norms /considerations currently in existence at these three posts.

Types of Visas: these standards are primarily used in the adjudication of nonimmigrant visas, but may be used in adjudicating immigrant visas as well, so this request covers both nonimmigrant and immigrant visas. The nonimmigrant visa categories of interest:

1. B - visitors for business, pleasure, medical
2. E-1 - trade
3. E-2 - investor
4. F - student
5. H-1B - employment
6. L - employment
7. O - extraordinary ability
8. P - athletes, artists, entertainers

Because the posts deal with far fewer immigrant visa applications, this request also covers each category of immigrant visa.

Moscow and Tashkent see very few E applicants, and so there may not be any materials. On the other hand, both of these posts - Tashkent in particular - process thousands of DV Lottery applicants each year, and have refined adjudicatory standards and norms when dealing with these applicants, and so there should be substantial materials at these posts on the processing of DV applicants.

To summarize, when a Consular Officer goes through initial training at the FSI, there is classwork on the INA, CFR, FAM and materials for training in visa adjudication (Case Studies, Interviewing Guidebook, Scavenger Hunts, Study Tools). When a Consular Officer arrives at a specific post, the officer is trained in the standards, considerations, nuances, peculiarities, and trigger points/issues specific to that post. That is what I am interested in for Moscow, London, and Tashkent.


I hope this is helpful. Feel free to let me know if something is not clear.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,
Ken White

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De Maria, Joseph <DeMariaJ@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Thu, May 7, 2020 at 11:02 AM

Thank you for your quick and thoughtful reply. To summarize:

- You are withdrawing your request for documents related to Supervisory Case Review.
- You are withdrawing the request for validation studies.
- You have limited your timeframe to the present time, that is to say, those standards/norms /considerations currently in existence.
- You stress you are interested only in local adjudication standards, not global standards.
- You are sticking with the three posts from which you are asking documents: Moscow, Tashkent and London.
- You are sticking with the same eight non-immigrant visa (NIV) categories and stress you are also interested in immigrant visas (IV), especially Diversity Visas (DV).

I would like to mention we are working four other recent requests from you (there may be more which are being tracked by other analysts). They appear to be proceeding fine.

Thank you.

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Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: "De Maria, Joseph" <DeMariaJ@state.gov>

Thu, May 7, 2020 at 12:42 PM

Perfect. (I am a lawyer, so brevity is always a problem for me!)

And thanks for the other updates as well. Much appreciated.

Ken

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-03745 - pending 5 months

3 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 8:30 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

This request has been pending with your office since February 2020. Please advise when we may anticipate a responsive reply. Thank you.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 6:57 AM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) is in receipt of your inquiry below regarding case control number F-2020-03745. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 8:55 AM

To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below.

This request is in process and has an April 30, 2021, estimated date of completion (EDC). EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

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Regards,

U.S. Department of State

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From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:30 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Subject: F-2020-03745 - pending 5 months

Dear FOIA Officer,

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-03745 - Moscow, Tashkent, London visa adjudication standards and norms

4 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Dec 6, 2020 at 8:16 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since March 2020.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Tue, Dec 8, 2020 at 2:59 PM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA Case Control Number F-2020-03745.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that this request is in process. You will be notified of the Department's search and review efforts in response to this request when that information becomes available.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

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Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 5:32 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Can you advise when we may anticipate responsive materials to this request? Thank you.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 8:58 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding your Freedom of Information (FOIA) case control number F-2020-03745. Your request is being processed. We will follow-up with you regarding your request for an estimated date of completion in this case. Please note that the Department currently has a backlog of cases. As the Department continues to work through its backlog, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

We truly appreciate your continued patience.

Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-03745

2 messages

Turman, Jessica M <TurmanJ@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 6:19 AM

Good morning Mr. White,

In regards to your FOIA request, F-2020-03745, concerning all documents, powerpoints, memoranda, cables, validation studies, and training materials pertaining to Visa Adjudication Standards and Supervisory Case Review used at the U.S. Embassy in London, the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent, our office requests that you provide additional narrowing to the scope of your request.

Our office would like to clarify that FAM guidance on adjudication standards has only existed since 2011, hence, there has been no new guidance provided as of 2017. Given this information, and because the time period of your request spans from January 1, 2017- present, could you please narrow the scope of this timeframe?

In regards to the materials you've requested, in light of the clarification provided above regarding the adjudication standards timeframe, could you please narrow the subset of documents and materials you've requested? Narrowing the categories of documents requested will assist our office in providing you with a more timely response.

Our office would also like to clarify whether or not you are solely interested in receiving Visa Adjudication Standards? Specifying only this subject matter will further assist us with providing you with this information in a timely manner.

Lastly, our office would like to know if you would further narrow the number of Posts/U.S. Embassies that you would like to receive this information from?

We appreciate your assistance with narrowing the scope of this request.

Sincerely,

Requester Communications Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services
U.S. Department of State

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: "Turman, Jessica M" <TurmanJ@state.gov>

Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 5:39 PM

Dear Ms. Turman,

Thank you for your e-mail.

Your colleague, Joseph De Maria, and I engaged in extensive correspondence last year on these exact topics, with Mr. De Maria narrowing the scope of the search appropriately. So as to save time, I have taken the liberty of attaching that correspondence. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-03745 - pending >28 months

1 message

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:29 PM

To: "Turman, Jessica M" <TurmanJ@state.gov>, DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Dear Ms. Turman,

Please advise where this request stands. Thank you.

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Date: Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 5:39 PM

Subject: Re: F-2020-03745

To: Turman, Jessica M <TurmanJ@state.gov>

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Good morning Mr. White,



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Re: F-2020-03745 - Moscow, Tashkent, London visa adjudication standards and norms - pending >28 months

3 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:34 PM

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From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:32 PM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services is in receipt of your inquiry below. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Jul 18, 2022 at 9:50 AM

Mr. White,

We refer to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2020-03745.

In response to your inquiry, the FOIA Requester Service Center contacted the Directorate for Visa Services and was advised that your request is in process. The updated estimated date of completion (EDC) is December 30, 2022. Please note that EDCs are estimates and are subject to change.

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From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 11:34 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Subject: Re: F-2020-03745 - Moscow, Tashkent, London visa adjudication standards and norms - pending >28 months

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

**F-2020-03745 - Moscow, Tashkent, London visa adjudication standards and norms
- pending 3 years**

3 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 5:48 PM

Dear FOIA Officer, please promptly provide these materials. 3 years have elapsed since this request has been filed.
Thank you.

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From: **FOIA Status** <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 18, 2022 at 9:51 AM
Subject: Re: F-2020-03745 - Moscow, Tashkent, London visa adjudication standards and norms - pending >28 months
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

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From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 11:34 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 11:17 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Subject: F-2020-03745 - Moscow, Tashkent, London visa adjudication standards and norms

Dear FOIA Officer,

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Wed, Mar 8, 2023 at 12:50 PM

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FOIA Requester Service Center

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 7:21 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding FOIA request control number F-2020-03745.

In response to your inquiry, we contacted the Directorate for Visa Services in the Bureau of Consular Affairs and were advised that your request remains in process. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is May 31, 2023. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding a FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service_Center via email at FOIAStatus@state.gov.

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EXHIBIT 6

Case F-2020-03944: Department of State Acknowledgement Letter assigning
Case #, Follow-up Correspondence



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

FOIA Request Letter

State Department FOIA <noreply@mail.foia.state.gov>

Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 1:37 PM

To: white@bridgewest.com

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 2/15/2020. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

The requested records are within the domain of the Bureau of Consular Affairs; Visa Directorate; Office of Legislation, Regulations and Advisory Assistance (CAVO/L); Advisory Opinions Division. The Advisory Opinions Division operates LegalNet, a dedicated email channel for visa applicants and their representatives to request Legal Advisory Opinions on the interpretation of U.S. immigration law in specific visa cases that were raised, but could not be resolved, with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate where the case was adjudicated. 9 FAM 103.4 sets out the purpose and scope of LegalNet. Other than the Foreign Affairs Manual provisions, we request the internal instructional guide/manual for personnel who process and respond to requests received by LegalNet. This request encompasses all materials, records, powerpoints, presentations, documents, memoranda, etc... a) used to train personnel who man the legalnet@state.gov e-mail box and b) routinely used by this personnel in the processing of requests and the preparation of responses to inquiries and requests for advisory opinions from the public. The time period of my request is from 11/01/2017 to the date of fulfillment of this request

The time period of my request is from 11/01/2017 to 02/14/2020

I am affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for use in the company's business.

I am willing to pay \$200 for my request.

My additional comments are as follows:

N/A

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Ref: F-2020-03944, Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement

A_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov <A_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov>

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at
7:06 AM

To: white@bridgewest.com

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Mr. White:

This email acknowledges receipt of your February 15, 2020, 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 February 17, 2020, regarding internal instructional guide/manual for personnel who process and respond to requests received by LegalNet to include all materials, records, powerpoints, presentations, documents, memoranda, etc... a) used to train personnel who man the legalnet@state.gov e-mail box and b) routinely used by this personnel in the processing of requests and the preparation of responses to inquiries and requests for advisory opinions from the public. 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).

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.

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

(SBU) Re: F-2020-03944 - pending 5 months

2 messages

FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 7:53 AM

Mr. White,

The Office of information Programs and Services (IPS) is in receipt of your enquiry below regarding FOIA case control number F-2020-03944. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide the information you requested.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have any questions regarding a FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at 202-261-8484 or send an email to foiastatus@state.gov.

Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

SBU

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:04 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Subject: F-2020-03944 - pending 5 months

Dear FOIA Officer,

This request has been pending with your office since February 2020. Please advise when we may anticipate a responsive reply. Thank you.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Jul 20, 2020 at 6:12 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2020-03944.

The Office of Information Programs and Services electronic records system indicates that request control number F-2020-03944 is in process and has a May 22, 2022 estimated date of completion (EDC). EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-03944 - training materials for LegalNet Personnel

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Dec 6, 2020 at 8:36 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since February 2020:

Other than the Foreign Affairs Manual provisions, we request the internal instructional guide/manual for personnel who process and respond to requests received by LegalNet. This request encompasses all materials, records, powerpoints, presentations, documents, memoranda, etc... a) used to train personnel who man the legalnet@state.gov e-mail box and b) routinely used by this personnel in the processing of requests and the preparation of responses to inquiries and requests for advisory opinions from the public. The time period of my request is from 11/01/2017 to the date of fulfillment of this request

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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FOIA Status <FOIAstatus@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 9:03 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2020-03944.

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Dear FOIA Officer,

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Re: F-2020-03944 - training materials for LegalNet Personnel - pending > 28 months

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:40 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>, CA-VO FOIA Request <CA-VO-FOIA-Request@state.gov>

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request. Thank you.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 12:17 PM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA case number F-2020-03944..

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-03944 - training materials for LegalNet Personnel - pending > 3 years

3 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 5:50 PM

Dear FOIA Officer, please promptly provide these materials. More than 3 years has elapsed since this request has been filed. Thank you.

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From: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Date: Tue, Jul 12, 2022 at 12:18 PM
Subject: RE: F-2020-03944 - training materials for LegalNet Personnel - pending > 28 months
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Wed, Mar 8, 2023 at 12:51 PM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services is in receipt of your inquiry below. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

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Dear FOIA Officer,

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Sincerely,

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 10:40 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding FOIA request control number F-2020-03944.

The Department currently has a backlog of FOIA/Privacy Act requests and is working through it as quickly as possible. As the Department continues to work through its backlog, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that your request is in process. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is May 1, 2023. Please note that EDCs are estimates and are subject to change.

If you have further questions or concerns regarding a FOIA-related matter, you may contact the FOIA Requester Service Center via email at foiastatus@state.gov.

We appreciate your continued patience.

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Dear FOIA Officer,

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EXHIBIT 7

Case F-2020-03951: Department of State Acknowledgement Letter assigning
Case #, Follow-up Correspondence



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

FOIA Request Letter

State Department FOIA <noreply@mail.foia.state.gov>
To: white@bridgewest.com

Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 1:54 PM

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 2/15/2020. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

All complaints made against consular officers by visa applicants, records relating to those complaints, records relating to how the Department of State or consular management handled those complaints, records relating to disciplinary or other measures taken in each of those complaints, and an index of those requested records. Note that this Request does not ask for information regarding the visa applicants themselves, nor does it request visa files. This request pertains to consular officers; complaints filed against them by visa applicants; Departmental disciplinary action against these officers, if any; and any statistics maintained by the Department in this regard. Such complaints may include, but are not limited to, discrimination; illegal conduct; unethical conduct; bullying; coercion; abuse; and rude or unprofessional treatment. The Bureau of Consular Affairs (including the Visa Office), Office of Inspector General, and any divisions with responsibilities for human resources and employee discipline would have responsive records. From January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of request (not date indicated below)

The time period of my request is from 01/01/2017 to 02/14/2020

I am affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for use in the company's business.

I am willing to pay \$200 for my request.

My additional comments are as follows:

N/A

Contact Information

Mr. Kenneth White
21550 Oxnard Street
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Woodland Hills, California 91367

P: (818)730-3540

F: N/A

white@bridgewest.com



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Ref: F-2020-03951, Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement

A_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov <A_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov>

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at
7:51 AM

To: white@bridgewest.com

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Mr. White:

This email acknowledges receipt of your February 15, 2020, 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 February 17, 2020, regarding all complaints made against consular officers by visa applicants, Department of State or consular management response to complaints, disciplinary action taken for complaints, and statistics. 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).

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.

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-03951- complaints against consular officers

4 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Dec 6, 2020 at 8:25 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since February 2020:

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 8:58 AM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding your FOIA case number F-2020-03951.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that this request is still in process. You will be notified of the Department's search and review efforts in response to this request when that information becomes available.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

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Regards,

U.S. Department of State

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Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 5:33 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 9:20 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2020-03951.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates this request is in process. The estimated date of completion (EDC) is May 1, 2023. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent to you sooner. Please note due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resources to process FOIA cases are limited at the Department. Therefore, there will be a delay in processing FOIA requests.

We appreciate your continued patience.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding a FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Re: FOIA Request F-2020-03951 - Complaints

1 message

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Oct 4, 2020 at 1:55 PM

To: "De Maria, Joseph" <DeMariaJ@state.gov>

Dear Mr. DeMaria,

Thank you for the reply and your past efforts in processing my FOIA requests. I apologize for the delay, but I wanted to access my archives to provide you with a more thorough response.

This request actually has its genesis back in 2009, when DOS announced a Complaint Procedure. The procedure allowed for visa applicants and attorneys to lodge complaints against individual consular officers for unprofessional or abusive behavior. See pages 12-13 of the attached DOS-AILA October 2009 Minutes.

Citing to that Procedure, in 2011, I filed a FOIA Request (2011-26053) related to how DOS implemented this procedure, how it processes such complaints, and statistics on the number of complaints received by DOS. Having not received any response from DOS, I filed this up with a new Request in 2017 (2017-12583) for any information on complaints of visa applicants against consular officers.

In April 2018, DOS responded to the 2011 Request that it did not find any responsive materials and that the referenced office for the handling of such complaints was no longer in operation. See attached.

In May 2018, DOS responded to the 2017 Request that it did not find any responsive materials. See attached.

In February 2020, I lodged this Request for:

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I am not interested in a particular complaint or visa classification.

As you can imagine, in light of this history, your reply that there may be over 100,000 possibly responsive records has thrown me for a loop. Before possibly narrowing the search parameters, are you sure that this is the case?

Thank you for your time.

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On Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 12:35 PM <DeMariaJ@state.gov> wrote:

I am from the Department of State/Bureau of Administration/Office of Information Programs and Services (A/GIS/IPS). We worked before to modify your request F-2020-03745. The Visa Office in the Bureau of Consular Affairs is searching its records for that request and will respond to you directly.

Today, I am contacting you regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which we received on 17 February 2020 with the tracking number F-2020-03951 regarding complaints against consular officers by visa applicants. Our apologies for the tardy reply.

It would be helpful if we had more clarity about your request for records. Thus far, we have located over 100,000 possibly responsive records. As it stands, it may take us several years to review them. We doubt that would serve your purpose.

Therefore, the more specific the request, the fewer records that must be reviewed and the sooner and more accurately we can respond to you.

Please be aware that each record must be reviewed and cleared by more than one American staff member with Top Secret Clearance. If a record is from another U.S. Government agency or mentions another agency, that agency must go through the same process.

We would like to work with you to make the request more specific so you can receive what you need sooner rather than later. Is there a specific complaint in which you are interested? Is there a specific overseas post during a limited time period in which you are interested? Perhaps there is a specific type of complaint and a key word would produce fewer but more germane records. Are you interested in non-immigrant visas (NIV), immigrant visas (IV) or a particular visa classification? Perhaps just the statistics, if they exist, would suffice for an initial request and they may give you a better idea of what you specifically want in a future request. Those are just ideas, I'm confident you can think of a better way to narrow the request.

Reformulating your original request with an eye toward narrowing its scope and making it more specific would help us fulfill your request thoroughly and expeditiously. If you'd like, we can make an appointment to speak on the phone about your request. We can use e-mail to arrange a time to speak or you can call me on my private mobile line (I'm teleworking) during business hours at: (956) 337 – 9016.

Thank you.

Joseph De Maria

3 attachments

 **dos aila minutes oct 2009.pdf**
312K

 **F-2011-26053 Final Letter.pdf**
112K

 **dos response.pdf**
77K



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F-2020-03951- complaints against consular officers

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Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 5:33 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,
Can you advise when we may anticipate responsive materials to this request? Thank you.
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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: "white@bridgewest.com" <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 9:20 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA request control number F-2020-03951.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates this request is in process. The estimated date of completion (EDC) is May 1, 2023. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent to you sooner. Please note due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resources to process FOIA cases are limited at the Department. Therefore, there will be a delay in processing FOIA requests.

We appreciate your continued patience.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding a FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

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Dear FOIA Officer,

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Sincerely,

Ken White

White & Associates

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EXHIBIT 8

Case F-2020-03954: Department of State Acknowledgement Letter assigning
Case #, Follow-up Correspondence



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

FOIA Request Letter

State Department FOIA <noreply@mail.foia.state.gov>
To: white@bridgewest.com

Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 2:05 PM

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 2/15/2020. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

With the exception of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 22 Code of Federal Regulations and 8 Code of Federal Regulations, and 9 Foreign Affairs Manual, any and all materials (e.g., manuals, guidelines, powerpoints, cables, flowcharts, tables, summaries, overviews) used by the Department of State in training consular officers. These requested materials cover training to make visa adjudications, including Foreign Service Institute Basic Consular Course, Foreign Service Institute Fraud Prevention Course, and Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Adjudication Training (Interview Handbook, Lecture Materials, Study Tools, Case Studies). From Jan. 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (not date below)

The time period of my request is from 01/01/2017 to 02/14/2020

I am affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for use in the company's business.

I am willing to pay \$500 for my request.

My additional comments are as follows:

N/A

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Ref: F-2020-03954, Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement

A_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov <A_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov>

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at
7:58 AM

To: white@bridgewest.com

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Mr. White:

This email acknowledges receipt of your February 15, 2020, 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 February 17, 2020, regarding any and all materials (e.g., manuals, guidelines, PowerPoints, cables, flowcharts, tables, summaries, overviews) used by the Department of State in training consular officers. 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).

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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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-03954 - FSI consular training - pending > 3 years

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 5:47 PM

To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Dear FOIA Officer, please promptly provide these materials. More than 3 years has elapsed since this request has been filed. Thank you.

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From: **FOIA Status** <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Date: Fri, Jul 22, 2022 at 12:40 PM

Subject: Re: F-2020-03954 - FSI consular training - pending >28 months

To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

We refer to your email below regarding the processing of FOIA request control number F-2020-03945.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that your request is being processed. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is still May 1, 2023. EDCs are estimates and are subject to change.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding a FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 11:33 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Subject: Re: F-2020-03954 - FSI consular training - pending >28 months

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since February 2020:

With the exception of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 22 Code of Federal Regulations and 8 Code of Federal Regulations, and 9 Foreign Affairs Manual, any and all materials (e.g., manuals, guidelines, powerpoints, cables, flowcharts, tables, summaries, overviews) used by the Department of State in training consular officers. These requested materials cover training to make visa adjudications, including Foreign Service Institute Basic Consular Course, Foreign Service Institute Fraud Prevention Course, and Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Adjudication Training (Interview Handbook, Lecture Materials, Study Tools, Case Studies). From Jan. 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (not date below)

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 10:09 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA case number F-2020-03954.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates this request remains in process and still has an estimated date of completion (EDC) of May 1, 2023. Please note, EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

Please be advised that the Department currently has a backlog of FOIA requests and is working through it as quickly as possible. As the Department continues to work through its backlog of FOIA requests, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

We apologize for the delayed response and appreciate your continued patience.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

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EXHIBIT 9

Case F-2020-04329: Department of State Acknowledgement Letter assigning
Case #, Follow-up Correspondence



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

FOIA Request Letter

State Department FOIA <noreply@mail.foia.state.gov>
To: white@bridgewest.com

Sun, Mar 1, 2020 at 6:27 PM

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 3/1/2020. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

All e-mails on the subject of nonimmigrant visa revocations, cancellations, and/or refusals-denials from or to Michael Yoder, Consul General at US Embassy in Moscow (Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs).

The time period of my request is from 09/01/2018 to 12/31/2019

I am affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for use in the company's business.

I am willing to pay \$200 for my request.

My additional comments are as follows:

N/A

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Ref: F-2020-04329, Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement

A_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov <A_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov>

Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at
12:35 PM

To: white@bridgewest.com

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Mr. White:

This email acknowledges receipt of your March 1, 2020, 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 March 2, 2020, regarding all emails on the subject of nonimmigrant visa revocations, cancellations, and/or refusals-denials from or to Michael Yoder, Consul General at U.S. Embassy in Moscow (Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs) (Date Range for Record Search: From 9/1/2018 To 12/31/2019). 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).

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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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-04329 - pending 4 months

3 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 8:33 PM

To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Dear FOIA Officer,

This request has been pending with your office since March 2020. Please advise when we may anticipate a responsive reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Mon, Jul 13, 2020 at 6:57 AM

To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services (iPS) is in receipt of your inquiry below regarding case control number F-2020-04329. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 12:34 PM

To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA case number F-2020-04329.

This request is in process and has a March 14, 2022, estimated date of completion (EDC). EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

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Regards,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:33 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Subject: F-2020-04329 - pending 4 months

Dear FOIA Officer,

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-04329 - emails of Michael Yoder

5 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Dec 6, 2020 at 7:32 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since March 2020:

All e-mails on the subject of nonimmigrant visa revocations, cancellations, and/or refusals-denials from or to Michael Yoder, Consul General at US Embassy in Moscow (Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs). The time period of my request is from 09/01/2018 to 12/31/2019.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 1:41 PM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA Case Control Number F-2020-04329.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that this request is in process. You will be notified of the Department's search and review efforts in response to this request when that information becomes available.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

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Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 5:32 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 11:52 AM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services is in receipt of your inquiry below. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

Regards,

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 7:50 AM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA case control number F-2020-04329.

This request is in process and has a March 14, 2022, estimated date of completion (EDC). EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

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Regards

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Re: F-2020-04329 - emails of Michael Yoder - pending >28 months

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:31 PM

To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

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On Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 7:51 AM FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov> wrote:

Mr. White,

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This request is in process and has a March 14, 2022, estimated date of completion (EDC). EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

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Regards

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:33 PM

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 10:33 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Subject: F-2020-04329 - emails of Michael Yoder

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since March 2020:

All e-mails on the subject of nonimmigrant visa revocations, cancellations, and/or refusals-denials from or to Michael Yoder, Consul General at US Embassy in Moscow (Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs). The time period of my request is from 09/01/2018 to 12/31/2019.

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To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

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FOIA Requester Service Center

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-04329 - emails of Michael Yoder - pending 3 years

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 5:45 PM

To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Dear FOIA Officer, please promptly provide these materials. 3 years have elapsed since this request has been filed. Thank you.

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From: **FOIA Status** <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Date: Fri, Jul 29, 2022 at 10:32 AM

Subject: RE: F-2020-04329 - emails of Michael Yoder

To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

We refer to your email below regarding the processing of FOIA request control number F-2020-04329

The Department has a backlog of FOIA requests, and there will be a delay in processing FOIA requests. As the Department continues to work through its backlog of FOIA requests, it is mindful of its accountability to the public and is processing this request as quickly as possible.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that your request is being processed. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is March 12, 2025. Please note that EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If your request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent to you sooner.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 10:04 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA case number F-2020-04329.

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We apologize for the delayed response and appreciate your continued patience.

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EXHIBIT 10

Case F-2020-04345: Department of State Acknowledgement Letter assigning
Case #, Follow-up Correspondence



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

FOIA Request Letter

State Department FOIA <noreply@mail.foia.state.gov>
To: white@bridgewest.com

Sun, Mar 1, 2020 at 6:33 PM

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 3/1/2020. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

Any and all visa-related materials, documents, powerpoints, etc..., other than the Foreign Affairs Manual, Code of Federal Regulations and Immigration and Nationality Act, used to train consular staff at the US Embassy in Moscow from January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (no earlier than February 29, 2020)

The time period of my request is from 01/01/2017 to 02/29/2020

I am affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for use in the company's business.

I am willing to pay \$200 for my request.

My additional comments are as follows:

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Ref: F-2020-04345, Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement

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Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at
6:34 AM

To: white@bridgewest.com

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Mr. White:

This email acknowledges receipt of your March 1, 2020, 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 March 2, 2020, regarding any and all visa-related materials, documents, powerpoints, etc..., other than the Foreign Affairs Manual, Code of Federal Regulations and Immigration and Nationality Act, used to train consular staff at the US Embassy in Moscow. 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).

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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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-04345 - pending 4 months

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Jul 12, 2020 at 8:29 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

This request has been pending with your office since March 2020. Please advise when we may anticipate a responsive reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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FOIA Status <FOIAstatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 8:47 AM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) is in receipt of your inquiry below regarding case control number F-2020-04345. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-04345 - Moscow consular training materials

5 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Sun, Dec 6, 2020 at 7:36 PM

To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request, pending with your office since March 2020:

Any and all visa-related materials, documents, powerpoints, etc..., other than the Foreign Affairs Manual, Code of Federal Regulations and Immigration and Nationality Act, used to train consular staff at the US Embassy in Moscow from January 1, 2017 to date of fulfillment of this request (no earlier than February 29, 2020)

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 1:48 PM

To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA Case Control Number F-2020-04345.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that this request is in process. You will be notified of the Department's search and review efforts in response to this request when that information becomes available.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at (202) 261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards,

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

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Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 5:32 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Can you advise when we may anticipate responsive materials to this request? Thank you.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 11:49 AM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services is in receipt of your inquiry below. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

Regards,

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 12:12 PM

Mr. White,

This is in response to your email below regarding FOIA case control number F-2020-04345.

This request is in process and has a March 14, 2022, estimated date of completion (EDC). EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. Please be advised that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities seriously and is processing this request as quickly as possible. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding a FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Regards

U.S. Department of State

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

Re: F-2020-04345 - Moscow consular training materials - pending >28 months

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Sun, Jul 10, 2022 at 8:32 PM

Dear FOIA Officer,

Please advise on the status of this request. Thank you.

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On Mon, Jul 26, 2021 at 12:13 PM FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov> wrote:

Mr. White,

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Regards

U.S. Department of State

FOIA Requester Service Center

FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 7:57 AM

Mr. White,

The Office of Information Programs and Services is in receipt of your inquiry below. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a response.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

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Dear FOIA Officer,

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White & Associates

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Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

RE: F-2020-04345 - Moscow consular training materials

FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Fri, Jul 29, 2022 at 10:17 AM

Mr. White,

We refer to your email below regarding the processing of FOIA request control number F-2020-04345.

The Department has a backlog of FOIA requests, and there will be a delay in processing FOIA requests. As the Department continues to work through its backlog of FOIA requests, it is mindful of its accountability to the public and is processing this request as quickly as possible.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that your request is being processed. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is March 12, 2025. Please note that EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If your request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent to you sooner.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State
FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 11:32 PM
To: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Subject: Re: F-2020-04345 - Moscow consular training materials - pending >28 months



Kenneth White <kennethwhite99@gmail.com>

F-2020-04345 - Moscow consular training materials - pending 3 years

2 messages

Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>
To: DOS - FOIA <FOIAstatus@state.gov>

Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 5:46 PM

Dear FOIA Officer, please promptly provide these materials. 3 years have elapsed since this request has been filed. Thank you.

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From: FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
Date: Fri, Jul 29, 2022 at 10:17 AM
Subject: RE: F-2020-04345 - Moscow consular training materials
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mr. White,

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The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates that your request is being processed. At this time, the estimated date of completion (EDC) is March 12, 2025. Please note that EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If your request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent to you sooner.

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FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>
To: Kenneth White <white@bridgewest.com>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 10:07 AM

Mr. White,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA case number F-2020-04345.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates this request remains in process and still has an estimated date of completion (EDC) of March 12, 2025. Please note, EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

Please be advised that the Department currently has a backlog of FOIA requests and is working through it as quickly as possible. As the Department continues to work through its backlog of FOIA requests, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

We apologize for the delayed response and appreciate your continued patience.

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