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Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Morgan Weibel <Morgan@tahirih.org>
Subject: DOJ-EOIR FOIA Request # 2021-16560

Dear Mr./Ms. Weibel:

This correspondence is in final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 03/10/2021 to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in which you seek Email correspondence (AIJ hiring).

An additional search was conducted and one or more records responsive to your request were located. We are granting partial access to the responsive record(s).

Portions of the enclosed records have been redacted in accordance with FOIA Exemption 2, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2), which concerns documents related solely to internal personnel rules and practices within an agency.

Additionally, portions of the enclosed records have been redacted in accordance with FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which concerns certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege, and/or certain inter- and intra- agency communications protected by the attorney work-product doctrine and/or the attorney-client privilege.

Additionally, portions of the enclosed records have been redacted in accordance with FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

Additional documents were discovered that contain equities belonging to the Office of the Attorney General and/or Office of the Deputy Attorney General. In accordance with Departmental policy, these documents have been referred to the Office of Information Policy for direct response to you. Similarly, other documents were referred to the Justice Management Division as matters under their cognizance, for direct response to you.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. *See* <http://www.justice.gov/oip/foiapost/2012foiapost9.html>.

You may contact the EOIR FOIA Public Liaison by e-mail at EOIR.FOIARequests@USDOJ.GOV or by telephone number (703) 605-1297 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Please reference the FOIA control number. 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, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the Executive Office for Immigration Review's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this

response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Joseph Schaaf
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