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APP2016000109

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Dear Ms. Potermin:

Re: NRC2015103366

You appealed the action of the National Records Center regarding your request for access to records pertaining to Hani Hasan Ahmad El Khader, dated August 12, 2015. The determination of the National Records Center was to withhold 66 pages in part and 60 in full.

After careful consideration of your appeal, and as a result of discussions with the National Records Center, I have decided to release 21 additional pages to you, copies of which are enclosed. I am releasing these pages in part. Information has been redacted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(E).

On the remaining pages, I found that the National Records Center properly withheld certain information that is protected from disclosure. This information is not appropriate for discretionary release.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, you may seek judicial review in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B). The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. The OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at ogis@nara.gov or call 1-877-684-6448.

Sincerely,

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