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Office of Information Programs and Services  
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U.S. Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20522-8100

Re: Request for Records under the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act  
for: Zead Khalaf Ibrahim (also spelled Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie); DOB:  
05/04/1964; Case Control Number F-2012-89801.

Dear FOIA Officer:

This letter is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act (FOIA/PA). Through my law firm, I represent Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie in connection with his request for reconsideration of the denial of his application for resettlement. As the attached declaration and consent, signed under penalty of perjury indicates, Mr. al-Sammarraie has authorized the U.S. Department of State to release his records to me.

Pursuant to FOIA, I hereby respectfully request copies, at your earliest convenience, of any and all documents, records, or information relating to the following that are in the possession, custody or control of the Department of State:

1. The denial of Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's application for refugee status in the U.S.; and
2. The rejection of Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's Request for Reconsideration of his application for refugee status in the U.S.

These documents include, but are not limited to:

1. The original application for resettlement forms and attachments (such as the Resettlement Registration Form and the Refugee Application Assessment Form);
2. Notes and memoranda from officials who conducted Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's interview;
3. Notes and memoranda from officials who reviewed Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's Request for Reconsideration;
4. Notes from internal discussions regarding the decision to reject or recommend Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's application for resettlement;
5. Notes from internal discussions regarding the decision to reject or approve Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's Request for Reconsideration of his application for resettlement; and
6. Anything else relevant and related to Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's request to resettle in the U.S. Such documents are likely held at the National Visa Center and the U.S. Embassy in Iraq and Jordan.

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Please note that Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraic also spells his name Zead Khalaf Ibrahim, Ziyad Khalaf Ibrahim, Ibrahim z. Khalaf, Zead Khalf Ibrahim, and Zead Kh. Ibrahim. Accordingly, any and all documents bearing his named, spelled as indicated above, should be considered responsive to this request.

Based on the information presently available to me, the approximate timeframe for submission of these applications and likely dates of related records is estimated to be between January 1, 2010 and April 29, 2014.

Please be aware that on November 9, 2012, we submitted to the Department of State a letter (the "November 9 Request"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, which specifically requested copies of all documents, records, or information relating to the denial of Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's application for refugee status in the U.S. that are in the possession, custody or control of the Department of State. These documents included, but are not limited to, the original application forms and attachments (such as the Resettlement Registration Form and the Refugee Application Assessment Form), notes and memoranda from officials who conducted Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's interview, notes from internal discussions regarding decisions to reject or recommend Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's application, and anything else relevant and related to Mr. Zead Khalaf al-Sammarraie's request to resettle in the U.S.

On November 19, 2012, we received a letter from the Department of State, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, stating that the November 9 Request was assigned Case Control Number F-2012-39801 and indicated that the request would be processed. To our knowledge, we have not received any further correspondence from the Department of State. Respectfully, we now submit this FOIA request, which expands on the scope of the November 9 Request.

Please note that we are individuals seeking this information for personal use on behalf of our client, and not for commercial use. Please process our request as soon as possible. My understanding is that the processing fee for this request is \$25.00. If the final fees exceed the enclosed amount, please contact me directly and advise of the outstanding balance due.

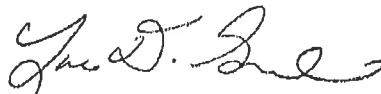
If you have any questions, please call me at (617) 574-6532. Please direct all written correspondence to the address at the top of the letter. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty (20) day statutory time period.

Finally, thank you in advance for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

Most Sincerely,



Brian W. Dugdale, Esq.



Lara D. Guercio, Esq.

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**Enclosures:**

Exhibit A: November 9 Request

Exhibit B: Department of State response to November 9 Request

Processing Fee Check

Declaration of Personal Verification and Written Consent to Release Records

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL VERIFICATION  
AND WRITTEN CONSENT TO RELEASE RECORDS

Name: Zead Khalaf Ibrahim al-Sammarraie  
Date of Birth: May 4, 1964  
Place of Birth: Baghdad, Iraq  
Citizen of: Iraq  
Current Address: Jabl Al-Husain, Amman, Jordan

I, Zead Khalaf Ibrahim al-Sammarraie, certify and verify, under the pains and penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing personal information is true and correct, and that I am the individual whose records are being requested, and further, I hereby consent and authorized the U.S. Department of State to release any and all materials and information requested above to my attorneys, Lara D. Guercio, Esq. and Brian W. Dugdale, Esq.

Executed on: January 17, 2015

By: 

Zead Khalaf Ibrahim al-Sammarraie