EXHIBIT 4



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Dear Mr. Rifkin:

A Department of State Appeals Review Panel, whose members are listed in an enclosure to this letter, has considered your appeal of December 19, 2016, for the release of seven documents withheld in full by the Department in the course of responding to your request under the Freedom of Information Act on behalf of your client, Alberto Rodriguez Gutierrez Fleig.

The Panel has determined that the seven documents must continue to be withheld in their entirety.

Exemption (b)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552(b)(3), applies to those records that are specifically exempted from disclosure by statute. The information in the seven documents withheld in full pertains to the issuance or denial of a visa or to a permit to enter the United States and is considered confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC Section 1202(f).

The material in two of the documents withheld in full is information compiled for law enforcement purposes which, if produced, would disclose techniques and procedures or guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions and, as such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(7)(E) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC Section 552(b)(7)(E).

Two or more exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act may apply to the same document.

The Panel's decision represents the final decision of the Department of State. If you wish to seek judicial review of this determination, you may do so under 5 USC Section 552(a)(4).

Sincerely,

Chairman, Appeals Review Panel

Enclosure:

List of Panel Members