



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20549-2465

Office of FOIA Services

February 9, 2018

Mr. Taylor Amarel  
10420 Jitney Lane  
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552  
Aggregation of multiple requests

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter addresses the following requests for records:

17-00087-FOPA (18-00004-FIFO)

I am requesting three files that I have submitted in previous TCR tips (and potentially emails) to the SEC. The files are numbered in order and all contain the word base "Bsylum." I respectfully request that you take prompt action to search through my TCR tips for all tips containing attachments that contain the text "Bsylum" and disclose those attachments to me.

17-00097-FOPA (18-00005-FIFO)

[A]ll TCR tips, including my own, pertaining to Luca International Group LLC, et al., Civil Action No.3:15-CV-03101, or the period of January 1, 2013 to the present.

18-00383-FOIA (18-00006-FIFO)

All information, including summary information as well as actual correspondence pertaining to the assistance provided by the USCIS in relation to the investigation, litigation, and case mentioned in Securities and Exchange Commission v. Edward Chen, et al., Litigation Release No. 23944.

18-00278-FOIA (18-00007-FIFO)

From January 2015 to the present:

TCR Whistleblower Submissions, with attachments, containing at least one of the following non-case-sensitive key-

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strings: "Kushner", "Trump", "NYIF", "USIF", "U.S. Immigration Fund", "Mastroianni", "QiaoWai", "USIFund.com" "JuiceBlenz", "Juice", "Weird", "Ogden", "AJN", "Yoblendz", "Blendz", or "Seekem."

18-00782-FOIA (18-00010-FIFO)

[A]ll e-mails sent to, from, or copied to: Robert S. Khuzami, who led the enforcement division of the [SEC] for four years during the Obama administration, containing at least one of the following non-case sensitive keywords: "EB-5", "Kushner", "USIF", or "Trump" since January 1, 2009.

The above requests were previously placed in the complex track as indicated by the "FIFO" suffix in each request number. Under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)(D)(i) agencies may provide for multi-track processing of requests for records based on the amount of work or time (or both) involved in processing requests. The SEC's regulation implementing multi-track processing is located at 17 CFR § 200.80(d)(5). You were previously advised that it might take thirty-six months or more before processing would begin on a complex track request.

All of these requests are for records related to tips, complaints, and/or referrals submitted by you to the SEC. You have made multiple requests for documents that could reasonably have been the subject of a single request. **Please be advised that I have determined to aggregate these pending FOIA requests into a single request.** Other requests that you currently have pending, as well as any request you file after this date may also be subject to aggregation. **All of the requests above will now be processed under Request No. 18-00004-FIFO.** We will refer solely to this number in any future correspondence. The request will remain in our complex, first-in first-out (FIFO) track.

For purposes of determining fees, you are considered an "Other Use" requester. As such, you are entitled to two (2) hours of search time and 100 pages of duplication free of charge. Once these thresholds are met you will be required to pay any remaining search and duplication fees. Please be advised that because you have failed to make payments in the past, the Office of FOIA Services may require that you make advance payments for processing.

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You have the right to appeal my decision to the SEC's General Counsel under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6), 17 CFR § 200.80(d)(5)(iv). The appeal must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this decision. Your appeal must be in writing, clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal," and should identify the requested records. The appeal may include facts and authorities you consider appropriate.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at [sifordm@sec.gov](mailto:sifordm@sec.gov) or (202)551-7201. You may also contact me at [foiapa@sec.gov](mailto:foiapa@sec.gov) or (202) 551-7900. You also have the right to seek assistance from John Livornese at (202) 551-7900 as a FOIA Public Liaison for this office, or contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for dispute resolution services. OGIS can be reached at 1-877-684-6448 or [Archives.gov](http://Archives.gov) or via email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov).

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter addresses the following requests for records:

**18-00169-FOPA** submitted on February 13, 2018 for the following:

[All email records sent to, from, or copied to Alberto Arevalo, an associate director in the Office of International Affairs, containing the non-case-sensitive keyword "EB-5" or "Amarel".

**18-00168-FOPA** submitted on February 13, 2018 for the following:

[All of my Whistle blower tips and TCR Records that contain the non-case sensitive keyword "Greenland".

**18-00165-FOPA** submitted on February 5, 2018 for all emails from January 1, 2015 through the present to, from or copied to Robert K. Levenson containing the non-case sensitive keyword "amarel." This request was sent via email with the subject line: "Freedom of Information Request: Robert K. Levenson EB-5 Tip Emails."

I have determined that each of these requests is for records related to tips, complaints, and/or referrals submitted by you to the SEC. You have made multiple requests for documents that could reasonably have been the subject of a single request. Consequently, I am aggregating these requests with your pending complex track request, 18-00004-FIFO. Please be advised that other requests that you have currently pending, as well as any request you file after this date may also be subject to aggregation.

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Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter addresses the following requests for records:

**18-00171-FOPA** submitted on February 16, 2018 for the following:

All of my Whistleblower tips containing the non-case-sensitive text string "Jay Peak."

**18-01127-FOIA** submitted on February 17, 2018 for the following:

All email records sent to, from, or copied to [losangeles@sec.gov](mailto:losangeles@sec.gov) containing the non-case-sensitive key-string "CaRE" or "California Real Estate Regional Center."

**18-01128-FOIA** submitted on February 17, 2018 for the following:

All email records sent to, from, or copied to [sanfrancisco@sec.gov](mailto:sanfrancisco@sec.gov), containing the non-case-sensitive key-string of "Henderson" and "Regional Center" or "SFRC."

**18-01139-FOIA** submitted on February 20, 2018 for the following:

All email records sent to, from, or copied to [miami@sec.gov](mailto:miami@sec.gov) containing the non-case-sensitive key-string "Los Olas" from January 1, 2014 to Present Day.

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**18-01140-FOIA** submitted on February 20, 2018 for the following:

All email records sent to, from, or copied to [CommissionerStein@sec.gov](mailto:CommissionerStein@sec.gov) containing the non-case-sensitive key-string "EB-5" from January 1, 2015 to Present Day.

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