

Exhibit 13



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Dear Mr. McMullen:

This is the initial agency decision on your April 3, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (DOS) for five specific cables sent and/or received by officials representing DOS and/or its organizational components. The DOS, Office of Information Programs and Services received your FOIA request on April 11, 2018, and assigned it the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

A search of the Central Foreign Policy File (the principal record system of the DOS) was conducted, resulting in the retrieval of five cables responsive to your request. After carefully reviewing these records, we determined that one of the cables is appropriate for release in part. The denied information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's personal privacy. The remaining four cables are still under review and will be provided as soon as possible.

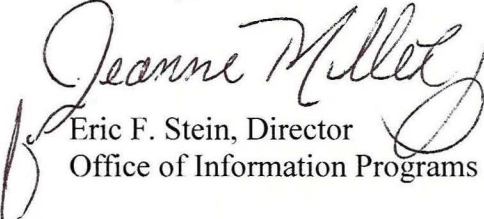
For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email to FOIAstatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 261-8484.

If you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, State Annex 2 (SA-2), 515 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100, or faxed to (202) 261-8571. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial agency decision letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) 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, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park,

Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; facsimile: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric F. Stein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "E".

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services