

# **EXHIBIT C**



Homeland  
Security

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

July 5, 2019

**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: pragerl@hrw.org**

Lutz Prager  
Human Rights Watch  
1630 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20009

Re: **2019-HQFO-00243**

Dear Mr. Prager:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated December 12, 2018, and received by this office on December 20, 2018.

You are seeking:

- 1- The number of Eritrean nationals referred to in the Department announcement that have been repatriated since September 13, 2017;
- 2- The names and addresses of each detention center, if any, where any Eritrean national subject to a final order of removal is being held as of the date of this request;
- 3- All U.S. District Court or Court of Appeals orders since September 13, 2017,
  - a. ordering the release from detention of any Eritrean national included in the 700 referred to in the Department announcement or
  - b. affirming an order by the Board of Immigration Appeals, or any immigration court or panel ordering the repatriation of any Eritrean national included in the 700 referred to in the Department announcement; and
- 4- Each amendment of a final order for removal of an Eritrean national by administrative action by the Department, its subdivisions, the Board of Immigration Appeals, or any other immigration court or panel since September 13, 2017.

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Department of Homeland Security's, *Office of Policy* (PLCY) for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

However, to further assist you and due to the subject matter of your request, I am transferring this request to the FOIA Officer for ICE, for processing under the FOIA and direct response to you. Please see their contact information below:

**United States Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

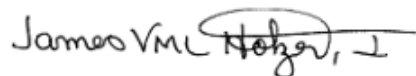
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While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within Department of Homeland Security's, *Office of Policy* (PLCY) that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2019-HQFO-00243**. You may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,



James Holzer  
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer