

EXHIBIT 9

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Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:50 AM
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Cc: Ringger, Devin Charles; Yancey, Jamielah
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 2020-F-013
Attachments: 2020-FC-013_Letter_FinalResponse.pdf

Mr. Hubbard,

In your attached letter, you state that our request 2020-FC-013 is being denied because Jim Wasserstrom has not been employed by SIGAR for more than three years. For purposes of our appeal, can you please provide information (such as the data retention policy) as to SIGAR's document retention and why the three year time period is significant? Can you also confirm that Mr. Wasserstrom's files have not been retained by SIGAR (and if they are stored elsewhere or have been transferred, please so state). Our understanding is that SIGAR files are retained longer than three years.

Thank you.

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From: Hubbard, Michael A CIV SIGAR GEN COUN (USA) [<mailto:michael.a.hubbard38.civ@mail.mil>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 5:55 PM
To: Reddick, Nicholas
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Subject: FOIA Request 2020-F-013

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached response to your FOIA Request, 2020-F-013. Thank you.

v/r,

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April 14, 2020

Mr. Michael J. Gottlieb
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Sent via e-mail to Devin Ringger at dringger@willkie.com

RE: FOIA REQUEST # 2020-F-013

Mr. Gottlieb,

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), dated March 2, 2020, that was received on March 3, 2020. You requested:

All documents (memos, emails, meeting transcripts, etc.) authored, created, or sent by **Jim Wasserstrom** regarding **contracting** or **reconstruction projects** and/or **private security companies** and **terrorist or insurgent finance**. Search terms that may help locate these documents include, but are not limited to: **contractor; subcontractor; security company; security firm; PSC; extortion; protection money; protection payment; mobilization costs; rental payments; security expenditures; security payments; bribe; payoff; vetting; hawala; commitment fee; counterpart per diem; cutout; deactivate; deactivating; ghost; indirect cost; local partner; marketing fee; night letter; tax receipt; tower; transmission mast; Louis Berger; LBG; Black & Veatch; WSP Global; Environmental Chemical Corporation; ECC; ArmorGroup; Centerra; G4S; EOD Technology; EODT; DAI; Development Alternatives, Inc.; MTN; Areeba; MENA; Edinburgh; Arafat; ISS-Safenet; Safenet; United States Protection and Investigations; USPI; Servcor; Blue Hackle; Arvin Kam; Watan; Wahab; Dawoud; Taj Mir Jawad; Nadir Khan; Mr. Pink; Timor Shah; Mr. White; Reza Khan; Gul Mohammed; Mirza Khan; Commander Blue; Mullah Omar; Quetta Shura; Mullah Ahmad Bidal; Mullah Brader; Mullah Sadeq; Qabool; Azizabad; Tony; P2K; Loya Paktia; Gardez-Khost Highway; IFC; International Finance Company; MIGA; Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency; Snooker; Romeo and Juliet; Romeo & Juliet; Commando Riot; crossing point.** The relevant date range for this request is **January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2016.**

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) 5 U.S.C. § 552

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A search of our files yielded no records responsive to your request as Jim Wasserstrom has not been employed by SIGAR for more than three years.

You have the right to appeal this determination and should you wish to do so, please e-mail your appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter to sigar.pentagon.gencoun.mbx.foia@mail.mil, or send it in writing to:

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The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) is also available to help resolve FOIA disputes at <https://ogis.archives.gov/mediation-program>. If you have any other questions you may contact our office at (703) 545-6100 or sigar.pentagon.gencoun.mbx.foia@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael Hubbard

Michael Hubbard
FOIA Officer