

EXHIBIT 3

From: A_FOIAacknowledgement@groups.state.gov
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Reddick, Nicholas
Subject: Ref: F-2020-02789, Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement

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Mr. Reddick:

This email acknowledges receipt of your January 9, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. § 552) request received by the U.S. Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services on January 9, 2020, regarding any and all records pertaining to the explosive attack at a district council building in Sadr City, Iraq on June 24, 2008 that resulted in the death of State Department employee Steven L. Farley. This Office assigned your request the subject reference number and placed it in the complex processing track where it will be handled as quickly as possible. See 22 CFR § 171.11(h).

You requested a waiver for all fees associated with the processing of your request. Fees shall be waived or reduced if the Department determines that disclosure is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. Your request does not meet the public interest standard set forth in 22 CFR § 171.16(a)(1)(i-iv). Therefore, this Office denies your request for a fee waiver.

If you are not satisfied with this Office's determination in response to your request for a fee waiver, you may administratively appeal to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Room B266, Washington, D.C. 20520; or facsimile at 202-485-1718. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this email.

This Office will not be able to respond within the 20 days provided by the statute due to "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). In this instance, the unusual circumstances include the need to search for and collect requested records from other Department offices or Foreign Service posts.

If you have any questions regarding your request, would like to narrow the scope or arrange an alternative time frame to speed its processing, or would like an estimated date of completion, please contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison by email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at 202-261-8484. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration 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 at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wayne Evans for

Nicholas J. Cormier

Chief, Requester Communications Branch

Office of Information Programs and Services

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