

# **EXHIBIT 14**

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Re: Freedom of Information Act

To Whom It May Concern,

My firm represents over 380 American veterans, civilians, and their families in connection with deaths and injuries caused by terrorists in Afghanistan. On behalf of our clients, we filed a lawsuit against several U.S. and international contractors, alleging that they made protection payments to terrorists who killed or wounded thousands of Americans in Afghanistan. *See Cabrera et al v. Black & Veatch Special Projects Corporation et al*, Case No. 1:19-cv-03833 (D.D.C.). As part of our investigation of these allegations, and on behalf of our clients who have made great sacrifices in connection with America's involvement in Afghanistan, we submit this request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552, et seq. ("FOIA") for copies of the records described below.

## Records Requested

The following documents:

- General John A. MacDonald Memorandum for Chief of Staff USJFCOM, "**Institutionalizing the Concept of Money as a Weapon System (MAAWS)**," 9 May 2009 as described in USJFCOM, Integrated Financial Operations Commander's Handbook (Nov. 2, 2010), Appendix C, paragraph 5(e) available at [https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/concepts/hdbk\\_financial\\_operations.pdf?ver=2017-12-28-161958-150](https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/concepts/hdbk_financial_operations.pdf?ver=2017-12-28-161958-150)).
- Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics & Global Threats: Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Memorandum,

“**Establishment of Joint Threat Finance Intelligence Office**,” (November 28, 2011) as described in Department of Defense Directive No. 5205.14, Enclosure 1, Reference (g) available at <https://www.hsdl.org/?view&did=800805>.

- Counterinsurgency Advisory & Assistance Team - International Security Assistance Force - Afghanistan, **Less Boom for the Buck: Projects for COIN Effects and Transition**, April 2011 as described in Moshe Schwartz, Wartime Contracting in Afghanistan: Analysis & Issues For Congress at 15 n. 59, Congressional Research Service (Nov. 14, 2011) available at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R42084.pdf>.
- General John R. Allen, **COMISAF’s Counterinsurgency (COIN) Contracting Guidance**, ISAF (Sep. 18, 2011) as described in Moshe Schwartz, Wartime Contracting in Afghanistan: Analysis & Issues For Congress at 1 n. 2, Congressional Research Service (Nov. 14, 2011) available at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R42084.pdf>.
- **Task Force 2010 Information Papers** provided to the Congressional Research Service (May 8, 2011) as described in Moshe Schwartz, Wartime Contracting in Afghanistan: Analysis & Issues For Congress at 5 n. 16, Congressional Research Service (Nov. 14, 2011) available at <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R42084.pdf>.
- Armed Contractor Oversight Directorate, **Weekly Activity Report Week Ending 11 Dec. 2009** (Dec. 11, 2009) as described in U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, Majority Staff Report, “Warlord, Inc.: Extortion and Corruption Along the U.S. Supply Chain in Afghanistan,” June 8, 2011, 64 n. 246 available at [https://www.cbsnews.com/htdocs/pdf/HNT\\_Report.pdf](https://www.cbsnews.com/htdocs/pdf/HNT_Report.pdf).
- ISAF, Charles Allen, Deputy General Counsel (International Affairs), Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense, **Memorandum re Request to Contract for Private Security Companies in Iraq** (Jan. 10, 2006) as described in U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, Majority Staff Report, “Warlord, Inc.: Extortion and Corruption Along the U.S. Supply Chain in Afghanistan,” June 8, 2011, 16 n. 48 available at [https://www.cbsnews.com/htdocs/pdf/HNT\\_Report.pdf](https://www.cbsnews.com/htdocs/pdf/HNT_Report.pdf).

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. Where possible, **please produce records electronically in PDF format**. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs. Our request includes any letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, discussions, and any attachments to such records. If any of

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this information is currently classified or restricted distribution, we ask that you submit the records for declassification in accordance with Executive Order 13526, and all other relevant regulations, policies and orders governing declassification of documents.

For any responsive records, or portions of records, you deem covered by any applicable FOIA exemption, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) prescribes the appropriate process: “[a]ny reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be provided...after deletion of the portions which are exempt under this subsection. The amount of information deleted, and the exemption under which the deletion is made, shall be indicated on the released portion of the record, unless including that indication would harm an interest protected by the exemption in this subsection under which the deletion is made. If technically feasible, the amount of the information deleted, and the exemption under which the deletion is made, shall be indicated at the place in the record where such deletion is made.”

I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of **\$250**. If the fees for this request exceed that amount, please inform me first. If it expedites the agency’s release of the requested documents, I am willing to accept disclosure on an interim, rolling basis as they become available. Please do not wait for all of the agency’s relevant systems of record to be searched, or all of its relevant records to be processed.

To discuss any aspect of this request, please contact my associate, Devin Ringger, at (202) 303-1463, or via email at [dringger@willkie.com](mailto:dringger@willkie.com). Pursuant to 32 eCFR §286.5(c) my preference is to receive these records in their original native electronic format, and if that is not available, in PDF image format (one image per record, in color as applicable) through my email address. If the records prove too large to attach via email, my colleagues or I can provide a secure FTP link in which to upload the records.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael J. Gottlieb