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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. F-2015-05781

Segments: DS-0001, S/ES-0001

Mr. Christopher C. Horner
Competitive Enterprise Institute
1899 L Street, NW, 12th Floor
Washington DC, 20036

Dear Mr. Horner:

I refer to our letter dated October 5, 2015, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

The search of the records of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security has been completed and resulted in the retrieval of six documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be released in full, three may be released in part, and two must be withheld in full. For the two documents withheld in full, one was withheld under FOIA Exemptions 1, 5, 6, and 7(C), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1), (b)(5), (b)(6), and (b)(7)(C); and one was withheld under FOIA Exemptions 1 and 5, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1) and (b)(5).

The search of the records of the Office of the Executive Secretariat has been completed and resulted in the retrieval of three documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that all three may be released in full.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions about this production, your attorney may contact James Todd, Senior Trial Attorney, at (202) 514-3378 or James.Todd@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, F-2015-05781, and the civil action number, 15-cv-00553, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

 for

John F. Hackett, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

Expired Cybersecurity Certificate

Name: Mth, Cheryl D [Update](#)
Email Address: MthCD@state.gov [Update](#)
Employee Type: Other **Office Phone:**
Gender: **Parent Agency:** Department of State
Present Office: S **Present Location:**
CHID: 7d4dc76-ccto-4012-6985-b52c1139f8e0 **Account found in AD:**
SAM Account Name: MthCD **Account Description:** User:
AD Email Address: MthCD@state.gov **Distinguished Name:** CN=Mth, Cheryl D,OU=SES-AJOther,OU=SES Users,DC=ses,DC=state,DC=us
Acct Expiration Date: -

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Senior Reviewer

Remarks:

Current Certificate Email Notifications:

Email Notification	Day of Expiration	Notification Date	Email Sent To
		04/01/2014	MthCD@state.gov

+ Email history

- Exam History:

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Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 6:03 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: FW: IM-S
Attachments: IM-S on cyber threats .docx; Attachment IM-S on cyber threats.docx
Importance: High

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Thanks,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 3:57 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: DS Staffers; Reid, Donald R
Subject: IM-S
Importance: High

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Attached for clearance is an IM from DS to S regarding cyber threats. It is my understanding that the Secretary asked about this topic last Monday.
Please advise if you have any questions.

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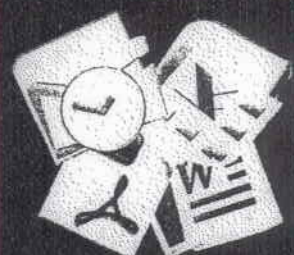
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Protecting DoS Information

- » Be alert for suspicious e-mail activity
 - Use caution when opening links and attachments
 - Notify BSO
- » Protect personal devices and accounts
 - Strong passwords
 - Anti-virus and software updates
- » Remember threat to external media
 - Use only DoS-owned devices
 - Notify BSO
- » Recognize threats to social media



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From: Bentel, John A
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2009 6:04 PM
To: Laszczych, Joanne; Toiv, Nora F
Subject: Computer Security Briefing

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Joanne and Nora:

As part of our computer security, S/ES-IRM provides a 20 minute briefing whenever laptops, thumb drives, air cards, or Blackberries are issued. Also, prior to the issuance of OpenNet logons, a cyber security on-line exam has been mandated by Diplomatic Security.

We would be pleased to brief Ms. Mills at her convenience – whatever will work for her, and can answer any questions you or she might have with respect to the cyber security exam.

Please let me know how we can be of assistance.

Thanks,
John

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From: Almodovar, Cindy T
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 6:12 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Johnson, Brock A
Subject: ON+ and CyberSecurity Requirement

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REQUIRED CyberSecurity Awareness Training

Good evening, Cheryl.

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Completion of the on-line *PS800 - Cyber Security Awareness Course* is a Department of State mandatory requirement for continued access to the OpenNet Plus network.

Please click on the *CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS* link below to access the training module.



Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions or if I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cindy Trodden Almodovar
S/ES-IRM Systems Administration Team

From: POEMS Security Awareness
To: SES-AllADUsers
Subject: POEMS Security Alert 2010-002: CyberSecurity Awareness

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POEMS SECURITY ALERT

2010-002; 20 October 2010

National Cyber Security Awareness Month

President Obama proclaimed October 2010 as the 7th annual National CyberSecurity Awareness Month. This national public awareness campaign encourages individuals to protect their computers and our nation's critical cyber infrastructure.

To help users fulfill the *federally mandated annual cyber security awareness training requirement*, the Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security created a short and effective on-line course which includes mandatory practices and policies which promote good cybersecurity habits.

To determine if your CyberSecurity Awareness certificate is valid, click on the web link:

PS800: FSI Cyber Security Awareness Training

Visit the CyberSecurity Awareness Homepage for Secretary Clinton's Remarks on CyberSecurity as well as previous security awareness campaigns, briefings and events schedules, and even videos and security training games.

Thanks for taking an active interest in computer security. If we can help with a security-related question or other IT issue, please feel free to contact the POEMS Help Desk via e-mail or at 7-8700.

From the CyberSecurity Awareness Database

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CyberSecurity Administration - Registration Detail - Windows Internet Explorer

Name: Mills, Cheryl D

Email Address: MillsCD@state.gov

Employee Type: Other Office Phone:

Gender: Parent Agency: Department of State

Present Office: S Present Location:

GUID: 7d4c9c76-c0dc-4012-8955-b52c1f380ec Account found to AD

SAM Account Name: MillsCD Account Description: User |

AD Email Address: MillsCD@state.gov Distinguished Name: CN=Mills, Cheryl D,OU=SES-AllOther,OU=SES Users,DC=ses,DC=state,DC=edu

Acct Expiration Date: -

Remarks:

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Current Certificate Email Notifications:

Email Notification:	Day of Expiration	Notification Date:	04/01/2014	Email Sent To:	MillsCD@state.gov
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