



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 6, 2023

Case No. FL-2020-00018

Melanie Sloan
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

As noted in our letter dated November 22, 2022, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified one additional responsive record subject to the FOIA. We have determined that the record may be released in part.

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

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may contact Trial Attorney Joshua C. Abbuhl at Joshua.Abbuhl@usdoj.gov or (202) 616-2531. Please refer to the case number, F-2019-06332/FL-2020-00018, and the civil action number, 19-cv-02934, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
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:

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

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August 5, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR JOAN V. O'HARA
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ~~(SBU)~~ Senior Foreign Service Presidential Awards

~~(SBU)~~ Attached is Secretary of State Pompeo's memorandum forwarding for the President's consideration the recommendation of members of the Senior Foreign Service for the FY2019 Presidential Awards.

~~(SBU)~~ Once approved, please contact (b)(6) for transmittal back to the Department of State at (b)(6)

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Lisa D. Kenna
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Tab 1 – Memorandum to the President

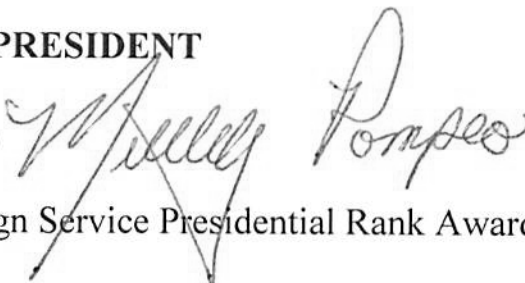
Tab 2 – Award Nominations and Supporting Material

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Michael R. Pompeo

SUBJECT: ~~(SBU)~~ Senior Foreign Service Presidential Rank Award Nominations

~~(SBU)~~ It is my pleasure to transmit for your consideration the nominations of members of the Senior Foreign Service from the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), and the Foreign Commercial Service (FCS) for the FY 2019 Presidential Rank Awards. The nominations are based on the three-year period of performance through spring 2018. These awards were established pursuant to Section 405(b) (3) and 405(d) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980. Recipients of the Distinguished Rank Award receive 35% of the member's base pay. Recipients of the Meritorious Rank Award receive 20% of the member's base pay.

~~(SBU)~~ A properly constituted interagency board has certified to me that each nominee warrants special recognition by you, and that the record and character of each nominee merits a high degree of public confidence and trust.

Recommendation

~~(SBU)~~ That you approve the attached list of nominations for the Presidential Distinguished and Meritorious Rank Awards. (Approve/Disapprove by 08/05/2019)

Attachment:

Supporting Material and Award Nominations

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Attachment 2 – Refer to enclosed binder