Freedom of Information Act Request

You may use the Electronic Submission to submit requests for documents under the Freedom of Information Act. This tool can be used to submit a request for records maintained or controlled by the Department of State. Requests should be submitted by only one method – electronically, by facsimile, or by mail. Please DO NOT submit duplicate requests. You may contact our staff for confirmation of receipt or to check on the status of a submission.

Non-Department of State Records
If you are not requesting Department of State records, you may wish to visit other Federal Agencies' FOIA websites.

The Department of State maintains records dealing with: (A) formulation and execution of U.S. Foreign Policy, (B) administration and operations of the Department of State and U.S. Missions abroad, (C) applications from U.S. Citizens for U.S. Passports, (D) visa requests from non-citizens to enter the U.S., (E) consular assistance given to U.S. Citizens abroad, and (F) current and former employees of the Department of State. You may use this form to submit requests for DEPARTMENT OF STATE RECORDS. If you are not requesting Department of State records, you may wish to visit other Federal Agencies' FOIA websites.

Are you requesting Department of State records? *
- Yes
- No

The Department of State maintains the following personal records: (A) applications from U.S. citizens for U.S. passports, (B) visa requests from non-citizens to enter the U.S., (C) personal correspondence with U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Missions abroad, and (D) Employment records of current and former employees of the Department of State. In order to protect your privacy as well as the privacy of others, requests for personal information should include either a notarized statement or a statement signed under penalty of perjury stating that you are the individual you claim to be. REQUESTS FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION CANNOT BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL.

Are you requesting records containing personal information? *
- Yes
- No

The Department of State maintains records on visa requests from non-citizens to enter the United States. Records dealing with visa requests are considered personal information; therefore, requests for such records should be submitted by mail. Click Here to learn more about Visa Records.

Are you requesting records dealing with visa requests? *
- Yes
- No
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Describe the records you are seeking as clearly and precisely as you can. If your request is vague or too broad, we may ask you to be more specific, and this will delay the processing of your request. If you are requesting a copy of a Department of State contract, please provide the contract number.

The following information will assist us in conducting a search:

- type of record
- timeframe of record
- specific subject matter, country, region, person and/or organization
- Offices, Bureaus, Embassies, or Consulates originating or receiving the record
- particular event, policy, or circumstance that led to the creation of the record
- reason why you believe the records exist
- if requesting information involving a contract with the Department of State, the contract number, approximate date, type of contract and name of contractor

Determining Documents to Request

You may wish to view the organizational list of Bureaus and Offices or the Embassy listing to help determine where records may have been created or received. You may also wish to view the Domestic and Foreign Records Disposition Schedules to examine the types of records maintained by the Offices and Bureaus within the Department and the guidelines concerning retention of those records.

Please describe the records you are seeking as clearly and precisely as possible:

Any and all records and documents on the State Department cables allegedly copied by Chelsea (formerly Bradley) Manning and allegedly provided to WikiLeaks, Julian Assange, WikiLeaks staff/volunteers and/or others who aided transmittal to WikiLeaks, including related State Department investigative reports, affidavits, testimony, discussions and correspondence among US, State and Local officials and agencies including but not limited to the White House; Department of Justice; Department of Defense; Military Departments; and foreign governments.

Time Frame of Records

Please provide a timeframe for which you would like the Department to search for relevant material. If you are searching for information surrounding a particular event, it is suggested that you set a date range prior to the date of the event if you are interested in background material. Please consider that the greater the range date, the longer it may take to process your request and the greater the amount of fees you will be charged.

Archived Documents

Permanent Department of State records that were created prior to 1977 and pre-1925 for passport and pre-1940 visa records are property of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on how to locate Department of State records at the National Archives, you may wish to visit the National Archives website.

Start

01/01/2009

End

Present
You may restrict your request to the Department of State's automated online electronic repository of Department of State Official Foreign Policy Documents called the State Archiving System (SAS). SAS contains over 25 million electronic records including cables and written communications to and from the Department and its diplomatic and consular posts.

Faster Processing
Restricting your request to SAS documents may result in reduced processing time.

☐ Please restrict my search to documents in the State Archiving System.
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Requests and appeals shall be taken out of order and given expedited treatment whenever a requester has demonstrated that a "compelling need" for the information exists.

A "compelling need" is deemed to exist where the requester can demonstrate one of the following:

- Failure to obtain requested information on an expedited basis could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual.
- Substantial due process rights of the requester would be impaired by the failure to process immediately.
- Substantial humanitarian concerns would be harmed by the failure to process immediately.
- The information is urgently needed by an individual primarily engaged in publicizing information in order to inform the public concerning actual or alleged government activity.

Urgently Needed
The information has a particular value that will be lost if not distributed quickly. Ordinarily this means a breaking news story of general public interest. Information of historical interest only, or information sought for litigation or commercial activities would not qualify, nor would a news media publication or broadcast deadline unrelated to the breaking nature of the story.

Actual or Alleged Federal Government Activity
The information concerns some actions taken, contemplated, or alleged by or about the government of the United States, or one of its components or agencies, including the Congress.

News media requesters would normally qualify; however, other persons should demonstrate that their primary activity involves publishing or otherwise disseminating information to the public, not just a particular segment or group.

Please select and describe in detail if you believe your request warrants expeditious handling:

- An imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual exists.
- An urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists.
  This option available for ONLY PERSONS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION.
- An impairment of substantial due process rights of the requester exists.
- A harm to substantial humanitarian concerns exists.

Please enter any additional reasons for expeditious handling below:
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Agreement to Pay *

Please be advised that by making a FOIA request, it shall be considered an agreement by you to pay all applicable fees up to $25.00, unless you have been granted a fee waiver. We will confirm this agreement in our acknowledgement letter. When making a request, you may specify a willingness to pay a greater or lesser amount.

I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of $ 500.

You will be informed before processing of your request if the estimated fees will exceed the specified amount.

Requester Category *

- An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.
- A representative of the news media seeking information as part of a news gathering effort and not for commercial use.
- Affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution seeking information for a scholarly or scientific purpose and not for commercial use.
- Affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for use in the company's business.

Fee Waiver

Fees otherwise chargeable in connection with a request for disclosure of a record shall be waived or reduced where it is determined 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.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request.

Disclosure of the requested information to me 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 my commercial interest.

Please provide an explanation for your request for a fee waiver:

This material will be published on the free public education website Cryptome.org to provide information on a highly reported and discussed initiative concerning freedom of information about government operations.
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Please enter any additional comments you would like to have included with your request:

Please Note
You may also provide additional information by facsimile (202-261-8579). Please provide a copy of your request if you are faxing additional information.
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Restricted to SAS Documents
No

Expedited Handling
N/A

Maximum Fee
I am willing to pay $500 for my request.

Requester Category
An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

Fee Waiver
I request a waiver of all fees for this request.
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Additional Comments
N/A
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Your request has successfully been submitted. If you have provided an email address, you will receive an email confirming receipt of your request. Return Home
From: "State Department FOIA"
noreply@state.gov
To: jya@pipeline.com
Date: 19 Aug 2014 06:55:57 -0400
Subject: FOIA Request Letter

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 8/19/2014. Here is a review of your request. The records I request can be described as follows: Any and all records and documents on the State Department cables allegedly copied by Chelsea (formerly Bradley) Manning and allegedly provided to WikiLeaks, Julian Assange, WikiLeaks staff/volunteers and/or others who aided transmittal to WikiLeaks, including related State Department investigative reports, affidavits, testimony, discussions and correspondence among US, State and Local officials and agencies including but not limited to the White House; Department of Justice; Department of Defense; Military Departments; and foreign governments. The time period of my request is from 01/01/2009 to present. I am an individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use. I am willing to pay $500 for my request. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Reason: This material will be published on the free public education website Cryptome.org to provide information on a highly reported and discussed initiative concerning freedom of information about government operations. My additional comments are as follows: N/A

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