



June 5, 2020

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Dear Matthew Hoppock:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office on June 15, 2018 regarding: Any memoranda authored by or signed by L. Francis Cissna mentioning the words denaturalization or denaturalize between January 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed. This should include the memorandum listed in this news article: https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/scanning-immigrants-old-fingerprints-us-threatens-to-strip-thousands-of-citizenship/2018/06/13/2230d8a2-6f2e-11e8-afd5-778aca903bbe_story.html.

We have completed the review of all documents and have identified 10 pages that are responsive to your request. Enclosed are 3 pages released in their entirety and 7 pages released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) and (b)(6) of the FOIA.

The following exemptions are applicable:

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

Exemption (b)(5) provides protection for inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters, which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld under this exemption may consist of documents containing pre-decisional information, documents or other memoranda prepared in contemplation of litigation, or confidential communications between attorney and client.

The enclosed record consists of the best reproducible copies available. Certain pages contain marks that appear to be blacked-out information. The black marks were made prior to our receipt of the file and are not information we have withheld under the provisions of the FOIA or PA.

I note that this matter is in litigation. If you have any questions on any of the matters involved in this litigation, please contact Associate Counsel, USCIS, Office of Chief Counsel Abby Meltzer at abby.l.meltzer@uscis.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill A. Eggleston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "E".

Jill A. Eggleston
Director, FOIA Operations

Enclosure(s)