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VIA regular mail

December 9, 2008

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Central Intelligence Agency
Information and Privacy Coordinator
Washington DC 20505

Re: FOIA Request for Records Regarding Contractor Violent Crimes

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, the UNROW Human Rights Impact Litigation Clinic at the Washington College of Law, American University, requests any and all records in any form or format (including e-mail, even if currently only maintained on back-up media) from October 2001 onwards relating to, involving, describing or touching upon any and all investigations of or inquiries into civilian contractors, including individuals, entities, or individuals or entities working for, employed by or contracted by such entities, involving violent crimes or potentially criminal activity occurring in Iraq and/or Afghanistan, and/or any subsequent referrals of such investigations or inquiries to any other agency, subsidiary, department, office or official.

We seek records in any form or format (specifically including e-mail, even if currently only maintained on back-up media), including but not limited to any records generated pursuant to the December 5, 2007 "Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Defense and the Department of State on USG Private Security Contractors" (MOA). These include, but are not limited to:

1. All notifications or investigations of a "serious incident involving a PSC" generated by the U.S. Embassy Baghdad or CONOC, conveyed to MNF-I, RSO, or the Government of Iraq, as described in Section VII, paragraph 2 of the MOA;
2. Any records regarding any proposals for or the expenditure of "condolence payments" to the families of Iraqi nationals, per Section VII of the MOA;

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c. and the final disposition or referral of these claims.

Further, we seek any similar records generated after October 2001, in any form or format, regarding, touching upon, describing or relating to contractors accused of, suspected of, or involved in violent crimes or potentially criminal activity in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Finally, we seek records regarding the referral of investigations, cases, or claims to the U.S. Department of Justice, or any other agency, department, office, agency component, subsidiary or official. These include, but are not limited to, records relating to:

- d. offices and personnel involved in the decision to refer the investigations, cases or claims,
- e. the decision to refer the cases, investigations or claims.


The UNROW Clinic is part of an educational institution – American University’s Washington College of Law – and this request is made for a scholarly purpose and not for commercial use. Accordingly, there should be no search fees associated with this request. As to any copy fees, the Clinic is willing to pay any reasonable fees. We reserve, however, the right to request a general public interest fee waiver for information responsive to the request located and disclosed.

If you deny all or any part of this request, you are required, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b), effective December 31, 2007, to specify each exemption in connection with each item of information withheld which you believe justifies your refusal to release the information.

If you have any questions regarding this FOIA request, or believe it would be useful to discuss any aspect, please telephone the Clinic at (202) 274 4088.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely,

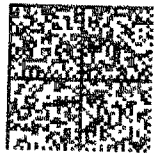


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