



Homeland Security

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Re: DHS/OS/PRIV 07-323/Aftergood

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated December 21, 2006, seeking a copy of the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding that was signed by the Department of Homeland Security and by Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB).

Our search of the DHS Executive Secretariat produced four pages responsive to your request. These four pages are being withheld in their entirety pursuant to Title 5 USC § 552 (b)(7)(E). Exemption 7(E) affords protection to all law enforcement information that would disclose techniques, procedures, or guidelines for law enforcement investigations, if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

If you consider this withholding an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal within 60 days of the date of this letter to: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in Subpart a, Section 5.9, of the DHS Regulations. Your envelope and letter should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." The implementing Department regulations establish the criteria under which the FOIA is administered. Copies of the FOIA and regulations are available at www.dhs.gov.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 07-323/Aftergood** request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Lockett", written over a horizontal line.

Vania T. Lockett
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