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Washington 1101 K Street, NW, Suite 201  
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Re: **Case 1:21-cv-00572-RC: Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington  
vs. DHS2021-IALI-00005 Release 7**

Dear Attorney Sus,

This letter is a response to the above Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Headquarters Privacy (HQ PRIV), dated January 10, 2021, and received on that date. This request was subsequently referred to the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) and received in this office on January 20, 2021.

***DHS I&A's Production***

I&A processed two-hundred-fifty (250) pages that were found to be potentially responsive to your request. For the production, two-hundred-forty-seven (247) pages were found to be non-responsive or duplicates and three (3) pages were found to be responsive, one (1) pages will be released in full two (2) pages will be released in part. This production is made during the course of litigation in which future documents may be produced.

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**Exemption 3** protects “information specifically exempted from disclosure by [another] statute.” See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3). In this instance 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i) and 6 U.S.C. § 121 exempts information regarding intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

**Exemption 6** protects from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This

requires a balancing of the public's right to discourse against the individual's right to privacy. The types of documents and/or information that I&A has withheld may consist of names. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

**Exemption 7(E)** disclosure would reveal one of the following: 1) techniques and procedures for investigations or prosecutions; or 2) guidelines for investigations or prosecutions if disclosure could risk circumvention of the law.

If you have any questions regarding this case, please contact Trial Attorney Lee Reeves, United States Department of Justice, Federal Programs Branch by email at [lee.reeves2@usdoj.gov](mailto:lee.reeves2@usdoj.gov). Please be sure to reference case **1:21-cv-00572-RC** in any correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly H.  
*Kimberly H.*  
Assistant FOIA Officer

~~(U//FOUO)~~ OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT (OSIR)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS  
OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT  
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~~(U//FOUO)~~ **SERIAL:** OSIR-04001-0185-21

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **SUBJECT:** Social media user created a crowdfunding campaign to raise a bounty for a U.S. Senator.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **SUMMARY:** Social media user created a crowdfunding campaign to raise a 50,000 USD bounty for a U.S. Senator.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **DATE OF ACQUISITION:** 29 DEC 2020

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **ACQUISITION CODE:** Q0001, H0027

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **U.S. PERSONS INFORMATION (Y/N):** NO

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **REQUIREMENT:** 902651228; EEI-93971

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **TOPIC:** DHS-IA-TER.3; HSEC-8.1, HSEC-8.3, HSEC-8.5, HSEC-8.6

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **COUNTRY OR NONSTATE ENTITY:** USA

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **DATE OF INFORMATION:** 29 DEC 2020

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **SOURCE NUMBER:** (b) (3)

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **SOURCE DESCRIPTION:** A social media user. This is a new source whose information has not been validated.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **SOURCE CONTEXT:** A social media user who self describes their location as Long Beach, CA. Source has repeatedly expressed their anger towards U.S. politics and politicians. User also created a crowdfunding campaign to raise a bounty for a named Senator.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ **TEXT:**

1. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Source created a crowdfunding campaign to raise a 50,000 USD bounty for a U.S. Senator. The description for the campaign is "[named U.S. Senator] has got to go" and it was listed in the "Dreams, Hopes and Wishes" section of the website.

2. (U//FOUO) The same day the Source created the crowdfunding campaign the Source posted "to forgive [named U.S. Senator] is up to allah but to send him to allah is up to me."

~~(U//FOUO)~~ COMMENTS:

1. (U//FOUO) Source has made multiple negative posts regarding the named U.S. Senator and U.S. politics.

2. (U//FOUO) Another user shared a screenshot of the crowdfunding campaign and within nine hours it received over 20,000 shares and over 99,000 likes.

3. (U//FOUO) This crowdfunding campaign is no longer active.

4. (U//FOUO) This report is in reference to eGuardian number (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E).

~~(U//FOUO)~~ PREP: OSRN-053

~~(U//FOUO)~~ POC: Direct feedback, evaluations, comments, and follow on collection requests to the Current and Emerging Threats Center (CETC), Open Source Collection Operations (OSCO) by accessing the OSIR evaluation link at Intelink-U ([\(b\) \(7\)\(E\)](https://(b) (7)(E))), Intelink-S ([\(b\) \(7\)\(E\)](https://(b) (7)(E))), or Intelink-TS ([\(b\) \(7\)\(E\)](https://(b) (7)(E))). Contact CETC OSCO at (b) (6), (b) (7)(E) or via e-mail at: (b) (6), (b) (7)(E)@hq.dhs.gov, (b) (6), (b) (7)(E)@dhs.sgov.gov, or (b) (6), (b) (7)(E)@dhs.ic.gov.

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~~(U//FOUO)~~ AGENCY: DHS; FBI

~~(U//FOUO)~~ DHS COMPONENTS: USSS

~~(U//FOUO)~~ STATE/LOCAL: All Field Ops

~~(U//FOUO)~~ ATTACHMENTS (Intelink-SBU): See attached.

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