

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 25, 2022

Case No. FL-2021-00512

Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington

Dear

As we noted in our letter dated March 28, 2022, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified six additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined that all six records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. All nonexempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Derek S. Hammond, Assistant U.S. Attorney, at 202-252-2511. Please refer to the case number, FL-2021-00512, and the civil action number, 21-cv-01246, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by SUSAN C SUSAN C WEETMAN

WEETMAN Date: 2022.04.25 14:47:41

Susan C. Weetman Deputy Director

Office of Information Programs and Services

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
 - 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
 - (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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From:

Kenna, Lisa D

Sent:

Tue, 12 Jan 2021 20:55:33 -0500

To:

SES_FO Paper

Subject:

Memo for S Review

Attachments:

Gertler Memo.pdf

For all of us and S' review please. Thank you.

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From:

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Sent:

Mon, 2 Nov 2020 12:43:26 -0500

To:

EB-A-TFS-SPI-DL

Subject:

FW: Cascades Package Submitted: 202010582 Designated Israeli Billionaire Dan

Gertler Requests Authorization for Major Funds Transfer to DRC NGOs

FYI.

From: Cascades@state.sgov.gov [mailto:Cascades@state.sgov.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 02, 2020 12:40 PM

To: SES-Line_Only

Cc: EB-A-Staff-Assistants-DL; AF-FO-Principals-DL; AF-Staff-Assistants-DL

Subject: Cascades Package Submitted: 202010582 Designated Israeli Billionaire Dan Gertler Requests

Authorization for Major Funds Transfer to DRC NGOs

A Cascades Package was Submitted to Line.

SESID: 202010582

Title: Designated Israeli Billionaire Dan Gertler Requests Authorization for Major Funds

Transfer to DRC NGOs

Package Type: Action Memo

Priority: Due: For: S

Organization: EB Co-Drafter: AF Copy To:

Clearances: Details:

Treasury's desire to issue an OFAC license authorizing Dan Gertler, sanctioned under Global Magnitsky (GloMag) for significant corruption, to transfer €10 million in funds to DRC non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including for COVID-19-related activities (D)(5)

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From:

IT Service Center

Sent:

Tue, 16 Feb 2021 15:26:10 -0500

To:

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Subject:

Doc Transfer

Attachments:

FPG- Dan Gertler (GLOMAG-2021-371648-1).docx

Hello,

I have attached file(s)

Thanks, IT Service Center 202-647-2000

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Sent:

Tue, 3 Nov 2020 16:01:32 -0500

To:

Everest_S@state.sgov.gov

Subject:

Cascades Package Returned: 202010582 Designated Israeli Billionaire Dan

Gertler Requests Authorization for Major Funds Transfer to DRC NGOs

A Cascades Package was Returned to Principal.

SESID: 202010582

Title: Designated Israeli Billionaire Dan Gertler Requests Authorization for Major Funds

Transfer to DRC NGOs Package Type: Action Memo

Priority: Medium

Due:

For: S Organization: EB Co-Drafter: AF

Copy To: C; D; E; GPA; INR; J; M; P; R; S; S/ES; S/ES-S; S/P; T; AF; EB; INL; L; NEA

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From:

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Mon, 2 Nov 2020 16:01:43 -0500

To:

SES-FrontOfficeOnly@state.sgov.gov

Cc:

SES-Line_Only@state.sgov.gov

Subject:

Cascades Package Forwarded: 202010582 Designated Israeli Billionaire Dan

Gertler Requests Authorization for Major Funds Transfer to DRC NGOs

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