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May 31, 2012

Ms. Laura Rotolo, Esquire  
ACLU of Massachusetts  
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Boston, MA 02110

Dear Ms. Rotolo:

Re: FOIA #: 10-75  
Subject: Joint Terrorism Task Force

Enclosed please find approximately Five Hundred (500) pages received and reviewed (with much delay) by EOUSA/FOIA in response to the above request.

Please look through this material and advise if this is what you are really looking for. As we have discussed, there are approximately 5000 pages received of this same type of records from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts regarding the ATAC request. As we have further discussed, due to the nature of this material, the processing and review is extremely time consuming.

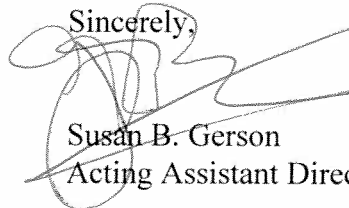
If you should determine that this is not the type of information that you are seeking, please advise and narrow the scope of your request accordingly. We will then resume reviewing the remaining records for that information. In the alternative, of course, we will continue the processing in the fashion that you are receiving with this letter.

As you will see, exemptions have been applied to nearly every page. Attached is an exemption form, which explains their bases. As a guiding principle, persons and certain entities associated with ATAC, are considered at risk from disclosure, given the very nature of ATAC.

Please feel free to call and discuss in you have any questions. Again, since this may not be of the type of material that you are seeking, that may not be necessary. Given the particulars of this request and response, we are tolling any administrative appeal time that might otherwise attach to this determination, and will wait until all is completed to make use of that avenue, should you choose to do so.

Thank you very much for your patience.

Sincerely,



Susan B. Gerson  
Acting Assistant Director

Enclosure(s)

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### **FOIA: TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by and Executive order to be kept secret in the in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) 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;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **PRIVACY ACT: TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability eligibility, or qualification for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence.



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May 20, 2005

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7C, 7F City Hall  
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Dear 7C, 7F

I want to thank you for offering to pick up the tab for coffee and assorted pastries at the ATAC meeting this last Wednesday. Your gesture was truly appreciated and helped make the meeting a great success.

Sincerely,

7C, 7F  
ATAC 7C, 7F  
7C, 7F Anti-Terrorism Unit

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