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FOIA Case Number: TSA10-0783

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Ms. Laura Rotolo
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Dear Ms. Rotolo:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 25, 2010, on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (ACLU). In our acknowledgement letter to you dated September 1, 2010, we informed you that due to the size and depth of your request, we found it necessary to divide your request into five separate cases. This letter addresses the portion of your request in which you seek, "Any standard operating procedures, rules, and guidelines and training documents for BDO officers at Logan Airport; any training material regarding the use of voluntary and non-voluntary stops of persons outside the "sterile" area beyond passenger screening points."

Your request was processed pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. A reasonable search was conducted within the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and responsive documents (389 pages) were located. Portions of these documents and 116 pages in their entirety are being withheld pursuant to Exemption (b)(3) of the FOIA. A more detailed explanation of this exemption is outlined below.

Exemption (b)(3)

This information reveals Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and is exempt from disclosure under Exemption (b)(3), which permits the withholding of records specifically exempted from disclosure by another Federal statute. Title 49 U.S.C. Section 114(r) exempts from disclosure SSI that "would be detrimental to the security of transportation" if disclosed. The TSA regulations implementing Section 114(r) are found in 49 CFR Part 1520.

Fees

The fees incurred to process this request do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge and, therefore, there is no fee associated with the processing of your request.

Administrative Appeal

In the event that you may wish to appeal this determination, an administrative appeal may be made in writing to Kimberly Walton, Assistant Administrator for Civil Rights & Liberties, Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, East Building, E7-121S, Arlington, VA 20598-6033. Your appeal **must be submitted within 60 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed in should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal." Please note the Assistant Administrator's decision on your FOIA appeal will be administratively final.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Branch at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300.

Sincerely,



Yvonne L. Coates
Branch Manager

Enclosures