August 5, 2009

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: NATHAN@GETLIBERTY.ORG

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Re: DHS/OS/PRIV 09-502

Dear Mr. Mehrens:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated and received by this office on April 17, 2009. You are seeking information pertaining to the Office of Intelligence and Analysis assessment titled, Right-wing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment, to include the following:

1) All draft versions of the report that exist;

2) All data and all studies, reports, or other documents regarding data created or reviewed by the Department in general to draft the report;

3) All data and all studies, reports, or other documents regarding data on specific groups listed in the footnote on page 2 of the report that were used by the Department in drafting the report;

4) Name, title, grade, and salary of all Department personnel involved in drafting the report;

5) All records relating to objections of Department officials to the release of the report based upon civil rights concerns;

6) All records of communications and the communications themselves between any Department official and officials with any other federal government office, including but not limited to the White House regarding the report;

7) All records of communications and the communications themselves between any Department official and any private citizens, i.e., persons who are not federal employees, regarding the report; and

8) All records relating to information received from groups outside the Department that influenced the drafting of the report.

Per my telephone conversation with you on April 28, 2009, you agreed to limit the search for records responsive to Item 5 to the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and to limit the scope of Items 6 and 7 to communications made on or before April 7, 2009.
As it relates to **Items 2 and 3**, we have identified 217 pages of material responsive to your request. Of those pages, I have determined that all 217 pages are releasable in their entirety, all of which are publicly available. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §§552(a)(1) and (a)(2), DHS need not make available under the FOIA records that are published elsewhere. As the responsive documents are publicly available, we have not enclosed hard copies with this response. We are providing the following website links for the 217 pages of publicly available responsive material:

- [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/21/AR2008062101471.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/21/AR2008062101471.html); Internet, accessed August 4, 2009.
- [http://ammunitionaccountability.org/Legislation.htm](http://ammunitionaccountability.org/Legislation.htm); Internet, accessed August 4, 2009.
- [http://www.vernonbroadcaster.com/articles/2008/04/04/thisjustin/05leadhis.txt](http://www.vernonbroadcaster.com/articles/2008/04/04/thisjustin/05leadhis.txt); Internet, accessed August 4, 2009.
- [http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,269534,00.html](http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,269534,00.html); Internet, accessed August 4, 2009.
- [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/01/10/AR2009011002039.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/01/10/AR2009011002039.html)
My April 28, 2009 acknowledgement of your request notified you that your fee waiver request was held in abeyance pending quantification of responsive records. As our search is still pending, a determination has not been made concerning your fee waiver request. However, as the cost associated with this response is below the $14 minimum, there is no charge.

We are continuing our search for records responsive to your request. If any additional records are located, I will review them for releasability under the FOIA and notify you of my release determination.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 09-502**. This office can be reached at 866-431-0486.

Sincerely,

Verna T. Lockett
Associate Director, Disclosure & FOIA Operations