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Re: FOIA Request 15-256

Dear Mr. Golden:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated April 8, 2015, and received in my office on that date, in which you requested:

“...all e-mail communications since January 1, 2010, between the Central Intelligence Agency or its representatives using the email domains @ucia.gov, @cia.gov, or any other address, and the following people at the University of Illinois: the president, chancellor(s), provost(s), vice provost(s), vice presidents, deans, general counsel, assistant general counsel, outside counsel, and campus police chief.

Similarly, I am requesting all e-mail communications since January 1, 2010, between the Federal Bureau of Investigation or its representatives using the email domains @ic.fbi.gov, @fbi.gov, or any other email address, and the same people at the University of Illinois.”

On April 21, 2015, you amended your request. You now seek:

“I would like to narrow the number of employees from which emails are sought to the following: Presidents Michael Hogan and Robert Easter; Chancellor Phyllis M. Wise; Provost Ilesanmi Adesida; Vice Provost for International Affairs Reitumetse Obakeng Mabokela; Vice Chancellor for Research Peter Schiffer; University Counsel Thomas Bearrows.

I would like emails between these officials and the following domains -- @ucia.gov, @cia.gov, @ic.fbi.gov, @fbi.gov -- either since Jan. 1, 2010, or the date they assumed their positions, whichever is later.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 9 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted or other document were withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under

federal or State law.” Under this exemption, information that is required to remain confidential under state law, including, without limitation, the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct were redacted from the responsive documents.

- 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes cell phone numbers and other unique identifiers.
- 140/7(1)(d)(vi) of the Act, which exempts from disclosure information that, if released, would “endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel or any other person.” This includes security assessment information.
- 140/7(1)(d)(v) exempts records that would “disclose unique or specialized investigative techniques other than those generally used and known or disclose internal documents of correctional agencies related to detection, observation or investigation of incidents of crime or misconduct, and disclosure would result in demonstrable harm to the agency or public body that is the recipient of the request.” This includes security assessment information.
- 140/7(1)(f) that exempts from disclosure “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda, and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record of relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” This includes communications containing recommendations, notes and communications regarding the formulation of an action or plan.
- 140/7(1)(m) that exempts from disclosure “Communications between a public body and an attorney or auditor representing the public body that would not be subject to discovery in litigation, and materials prepared or compiled by or for a public body in anticipation of a criminal, civil or administrative proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the public body, . . .” Pursuant to this exemption, communications covered under the attorney client privilege and/or the work product doctrine that would not be subject to discovery were redacted or withheld from the responsive records.
- 140/7(1)(v) exempts from disclosure “vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, the destruction or contamination of which would constitute a clear and present danger to the health or safety of the community, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public.” This includes security assessment information.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer