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FOIPA Request No.: 1210868-000  
Release No.: 253699  
Subject: MDR/NETANYAHU, BENJAMIN  
(ESPIONAGE REFERENCES)

Dear Mr. Smith:

This concerns your August 6, 2012 request, made pursuant to the Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) provisions of Executive Order (EO) 13526, for cross-reference and see files relating to Benjamin Netanyahu.

MDR requests must meet certain standards in order to be considered valid. A valid MDR request must describe the document containing the information with sufficient specificity to enable the agency to locate it with a reasonable amount of effort. (See EO 13526 § 3.5). Additionally, requests for broad types of information, entire file series of records, or similar non-specific requests may be denied for processing. (See 32 CFR § 2001.33). Based upon these standards, I have determined that your request for "Benjamin Netanyahu cross-reference and see files" does not meet the specificity requirements of the EO nor its implementing directive, 32 CFR § 2001.

However, in an effort to be of assistance to you, and as a matter of agency discretion, I am providing you with one document, totaling five pages, with classified information excised pursuant to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Exemption (b)(1) and further excisions made pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(3), (6), (7)(C), (7)(D), and 7(E). These exemptions, other than (b)(1), are applied to your MDR request pursuant to EO 13526 § 6.2(d).

Should you still desire to obtain "Benjamin Netanyahu cross-reference and see files," you may make a request for the information under the provisions of the FOIA.

If you are dissatisfied with any of my determinations regarding your request, you may appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by the Office of Information Policy within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and letter should be clearly marked "Mandatory Declassification Appeal." Please cite the FBI tracking number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified 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 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 to 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 confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by 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.

### SUBSECTIONS OF 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 an Executive order 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 qualifications 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/her 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/her identity would be held in confidence.

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