



Homeland Security

September 14, 2010

Ms. Katherine Gallagher
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Re: **DHS/OS/PRIV 10-0824**

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated August 13, 2010, and subsequently referred to the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) and received in this office on September 7, 2010. Your request seeks all records relating to the May 31, 2010 Israeli military operation that occurred in international waters in the Mediterranean Sea involving a six-foot boat flotilla headed to Gaza with humanitarian supplies, including the U.S. registered "Challenger I" and Comoros-registered "Mavi Marmara," which was forcefully intercepted by Israeli Defense Forces, resulting in the death of 9 passengers on board the Mavi Marmara, including one U.S. Citizen and the injury of many more.

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Office of Intelligence and Analysis for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the Office of Intelligence and Analysis that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

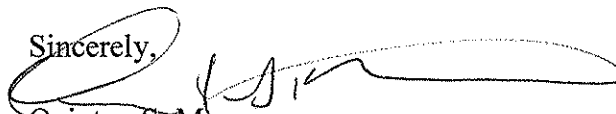
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Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. As an educational requester, you are responsible for the cost of duplication only in excess of 100

pages. Therefore, there is no charge associated with this response. As such, your request for a fee waiver is moot.

If you need to contact our office concerning this request, please call 202-447-4265 and refer to **10-OIA-0052**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Q. Mason', written over a horizontal line.

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FOIA Officer

Office of Intelligence and Analysis