



U.S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms and Explosives

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Mr. Ryan Mauro

Dear Mr. Mauro:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act request. While processing your FOIA/Privacy Act request dated March 26, 2016, for records concerning Jamaat ul-Fuqra, Department of the Navy/Naval Criminal Investigative Service ("NCIS") referred 10 pages of records to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for processing and direct response to you. The documents were received by ATF on July 11, 2016. We apologize for the delay in our response as we are currently working through a backlog of requests.

We have reviewed the 10 pages that the NCIS sent us. We are withholding the 10 pages in full. At this time, the investigation relating to the documents that were referred is still open. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A) because it concerns an ongoing investigation. Exemption (b)(7)(A) authorizes us to withhold investigatory records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaisons, Darryl Webb or Johnny Rosner, at (202) 648-7390, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park,