U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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March 16, 2025

ROGERIO SCOTTON 160 W CAMINO REAL 102 BOCA RATON, FL 33432

Dear ROGERIO SCOTTON:

We received your request for information on March 12, 2025.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: NRC2025122497. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

We respond to requests on a first-in, first-out basis and on a multi-track system. Your request has been placed in the complex track. You may wish to narrow the scope of your request to a specific document. To do so, please send a written request, identifying the specific document sought, to the address above. We will notify you if your request meets the eligibility requirements for the simple track.

Consistent with 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(a) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FOIA regulations, USCIS processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although USCIS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10 business day extension of this time period in certain circumstances. Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Additionally, due to the scope and nature of your request, USCIS will need to locate, compile, and review responsive records from multiple offices, both at headquarters and in the field. USCIS may also need to consult with another agency or other component of the Department of Homeland Security that have a substantial interest in the responsive information. Due to these unusual circumstances, USCIS will invoke a 10 business day extension for your request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). Please contact our office if you would like to limit the scope of your request or to agree on a different timetable for the processing of your request. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

Some of the agency records you have requested are always available to you via your myUSCIS account in an un-redacted format. For immediate access to electronic records associated with your FOIA request, please log into your account located at my.uscis.gov and view/download them today. USCIS's response to your FOIA request will not include redundant copies of documents readily available to you in your account.

Agreement to Pay Fees

In accordance with Department of Homeland Security Regulations (6 C.F.R. § 5.11), your request is deemed to constitute an agreement to pay any fees that may be chargeable up to \$25.00. Fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication of copies at the rate of \$.10 per copy. The first 100 copies and two hours of search time are not charged, and the remaining combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Most requests do not require any fees; however, if fees in excess of \$25.00 are required, we will notify you beforehand.

Personally Identifiable Information

USCIS no longer collects Social Security Numbers in connection with FOIA or PA requests. When forwarding to us any documents related to your request, please ensure any Social Security Numbers on the documents are blanked out or removed.

The National Records Center (NRC) has the responsibility to ensure that personally identifiable information (PII) pertaining to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) clients is protected. In our efforts to safeguard this information, we may request that additional information be provided to facilitate and correctly identify records responsive to your request. Though submission of this information is voluntary, without this information, your request may be delayed while additional steps are taken to ensure the correct responsive records are located and processed. Further, if we are unable to positively identify the subject of the record we may be unable to provide records responsive to your FOIA request.

How to Check the Status of Your Request

You may check the status of your FOIA request online at first.uscis.gov/#/check-status. If you have any questions concerning your pending FOIA/PA request, or to check the status of a pending application or petition, please call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

How to Submit Questions or Changes

Questions concerning this FOIA/PA request may be mailed to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office, P.O. Box 648010, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010 or emailed to FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov. All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes must be submitted in writing, and signed by the requester. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence. For more information regarding the USCIS FOIA Program, please visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/FOIA.

Sincerely,

James A Baxley Chief FOIA Officer

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