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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Mr. Athanasios Dimadis

New York, New York

RE: Freedom of Information Act Case No. F2017050

Dear Mr. Dimadis:

Reference is made to your February 13, 2017, Freedom of Information Act request to the Department of State regarding the events outside the Aroma Espresso Bar on September 17, 2016, between you and a Diplomatic Security Officer. The State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) reviewed the documents for direct response to you.

As previously agreed, only those portions of documents F001-F012 found responsive to your request have been reviewed. Portions of the responsive material are being withheld based on the provisions of 5 USC 552 (b)(6), and (b)(7)(C). An explanation of exemptions is enclosed.

You have the right to appeal the Department's denial of information by writing, within 60 days, to the Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Office, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LA, U.S. Department of State, Room 8100, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100. The appeal letter should refer to the case number shown above, clearly identify the decision being appealed, and provide supporting arguments when possible. For further information, see the Code of Federal Regulations, 22 CFR 171.52.

If you have any questions regarding a particular aspect of this case, you should contact the Office of Information Programs and Services (A/GIS/IPS), Department of State, SA-2, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100. In any communication, please refer to the case number.

Sincerely,

William R. Terrini
Deputy Executive Director
Diplomatic Security Service

Enclosures:
Explanation of Exemptions
Documents

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[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 4:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Greek Report

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(b)(7)(c),

Thank you!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 3:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Greek Report

[REDACTED]
Here is what we put together. Unfortunately, this is not an official "Police Report" as the NYPD did not arrest the subjects. Please let me know if you need anything else.

On 9/17 at approximately 1525 hours DSS Special Agents responded to 42nd street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues after being notified that the Greek FM Detail required assistance. After arrival, the agents identified the following individuals:

Name: Athanasios DIMADIS
DPOB: [REDACTED]
PPT: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]
DPOB: [REDACTED]
NY DL: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

Both individuals were noticed acting suspiciously after loitering in a hotel restaurant. Greek security and DS Detail followed both across the street to a coffee shop where it was discovered that both men had on wigs. NYPD Intelligence Unit Detectives augmenting the DS detail responded as well.

Both individuals claimed to be employed by Greek television/media stations on assignment to cover the Greek ministers in NYC. Both claimed to be foreign correspondents. DS Agents met with [REDACTED] from the Greek Mission, who stated that he recognized DIMADIS as a well-known journalist from Greece but that the company he worked for is similar to a paparazzi/TMZ style outfit.

Both stated that they had purchased the wigs at a Halloween costume store in order to get closer to the detail without being noticed as they are both well-known faces in Greece. [REDACTED] stated that their intention was to capture [REDACTED]

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Greek FM shopping in NYC while Greece is in the middle of its economic crisis. In addition, [REDACTED] stated that after the UN General Assembly, their intention was to cover the IMF convention in DC.

DIMADIS stated he has multiple contacts in the Greek Press Office who had provided information regarding the FM's schedule, as well as the MOI's and Prime Minister's schedule. DIMADIS stated they knew when the Prime Minister would be arriving. PIRT agents reviewed media on [REDACTED] cellphone which depicted the arrival of the Greek FM at the Westin Hotel the day prior.

DIMADIS told PIRT agents that he had been in contact with Ms. [REDACTED] Head of the Greek Press Office Ph. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Staffer for Greek MOI and that they were aware of his photographing the details. Cameras and photos were reviewed, additional paparazzi style photographs discovered of Greek staffers with the delegation shopping in NYC.

Agents consulted with hotel security and DS Agents were advised that the Westin Hotel was not willing to trespass both individuals. DS Agents, provided verbal admonishments to both DIMADIS and [REDACTED] to avoid approaching the Greek FM or other Greek detail without possessing a valid UN press credential authorized by the Greek Mission. Both indicated they understood these requirements and agreed to have their pictures taken (C

DS Agents discussed the situation with DS AIC [REDACTED] and Lead Advance [REDACTED]

SSA [REDACTED]
Branch Chief - Protection
Protective Intelligence Investigations
Diplomatic Security Service - Department of State

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Office: [REDACTED] | Cell: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 11:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Greek Report

Adding PII [REDACTED] who may be tracking. Not on my radar.

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 11:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Greek Report



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and [REDACTED]

The Greek delegation has been asking for the full report, including pictures, of the two Greek media persons wearing disguises. Please advise.

[REDACTED]

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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Wednesday, September 28, 2016 2:24 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted] DS-Press

Subject: PLEASE CLEAR: Greece request for information on Greek-related journalist incident(s)

DS/DO team:

This query has resurrected... we have been asked by the State Dept Foreign Press Center in New York to provide a statement that would confirm that DSS did not arrest the Greek Journalists at the Westin Hotel in New York on Sept. 17. I have drafted the following statement and am looking for your clearance. Please revise as you see fit. The key language we need is: DS did not arrest Thanos Dimadis or his colleague.

Special Agents from the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service did not arrest Thanos Dimadis or his colleague from Star Channel on September 17, 2016, at the Westin Hotel in New York City during the 71st United Nations General Assembly.

We refer you to the New York Police Department to confirm that the individuals were not arrested by NYPD or any other entity.

Many thanks,
Aaron

Aaron M. Testa
[Redacted]
[Redacted]@state.gov

From: Kieran, Shana L [mailto:[Redacted]3@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 1:57 PM
To: Testa, Aaron M
Cc: DS-Press
Subject: RE: Greece: request for information on Greek-related journalist incident(s)

Hi Aaron - Thanks for the prompt response. I believe that is what they are looking for - some kind of formal verification or document that states there was no arrest. I believe they've spoken to the NYPD, but didn't get anything from them.
Shana

From: Testa, Aaron M [mailto:[Redacted]M@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 1:54 PM
To: Kieran, Shana L
Cc: DS-Press
Subject: RE: Greece: request for information on Greek-related journalist incident(s)

Hi Shana,

I did work on this a little last week... I am a little unsure of what the Greek journalist is asking for.

I am happy to help to the extent I can but we first must be clear on what he is trying to accomplish. He is accurate in his statement that no police report was issued because there was no arrest. The arrest would have been made by NYPD and we would refer the journalist to NYPD for confirmation that no arrest was made.

Let me know what you'd like...

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