



**U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement**

June 20, 2012

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**Re: ICE FOIA Case # 2012FOIA15199
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) FOIA Case #NRC2011095393**

Dear Mr. Frick:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), dated August 30, 2011, and seeking documents pertaining to Turgut Tarhan. While processing your request, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) located records that fall under the purview of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Accordingly, your request was referred to this office for processing and direct response to you. Your request was received in this office on June 20, 2012.

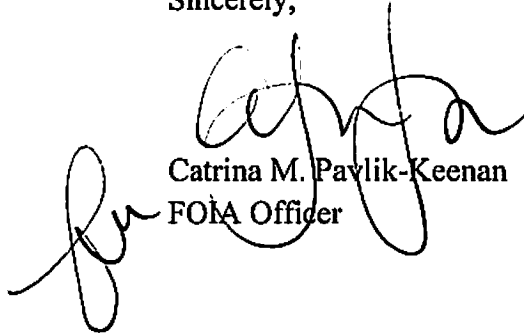
Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per §5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. As the subject matter of your request is of substantial interest to two or more components of this Department or of substantial interest to another agency, we will need to consult with those entities before we issue a final response. Due to these unusual circumstances, DHS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, as allowed by Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner; however, there are currently 2653 open requests ahead of yours.

We will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. You will be contacted before any further fees are accrued.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2012FOIA15199**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. Please be assured that one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. You may contact this office at (202) 732-0600 or (866) 633-1182.

Our mailing address is 500 12th Street, S.W., Stop 5009, Washington, D.C. 20536-5009. Thank you for your patience as we proceed with your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catrina M. Pavlik-Keenan', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Catrina M. Pavlik-Keenan
FOIA Officer