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Ms. Zoe Chace
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Re: North Korean Applications

Dear Ms. Chace:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request received September 14, 2012 to the Department of the Treasury (Treasury). You requested a copy of the first 5 pages of each application for licenses to do business with North Korea. Treasury referred this matter to its Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) for processing.

Please be aware that OFAC is experiencing a substantial backlog of FOIA requests that has adversely affected its response time.

OFAC's search for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 74 pages. We have determined that 67 pages are releasable in part with redactions made pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(4), (b)(6), and (b)(7)(C); seven pages are releasable in their entirety.

Please note that OFAC has received a number of similar requests, all pertaining to business-related transactions in North Korea. We are releasing the same package of responsive documents to each requester in an effort to respond more efficiently to all. For this reason, you may find that you are receiving a broader range of records than you originally anticipated.

You may appeal our final decision, in writing, within 35 days after the date of this letter to the Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Disclosure Services (DO), Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220. The deciding official for OFAC appeals is the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control. Please include with your letter of appeal a copy of this response letter. Please reference FOIA case number 2012-09-096 in all future correspondence.

Copies of the FOIA and Treasury regulations are available at www.treasury.gov/foia.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, no fees have been assessed.

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The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at ogis@nara.gov or call 877-684-6448.

Enclosed are information sheets pertaining to the FOIA exemptions and your right to an administrative appeal.

Your request has been assigned FOIA No. 2012-09-096. Please reference this number in any future correspondence. You may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center at (202) 622-2500, option 3.

Sincerely,



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Office of Foreign Assets Control

Enclosures:

1. Responsive Documents (74) pages
2. FOIA Exemptions Sheet
3. Administrative Appeal Rights