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September 19, 2017

Freedom of Information Act
Office

Mr. Jason Leopold
BuzzFeed News

Dear Mr. Leopold:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, for a copy of records related to the planned lecture by former White House National Security Advisor, Sebastian Gorka, at the Special Operations Center of Excellence.

A releasable copy of the documents is enclosed. Information withheld under FOIA Exemptions (b) (3) (10 USC § 130b) / (b) (6), personal privacy concerns.

While we are providing you with a "releasable" copy of the information, you retain the right to request the records in their entirety. At that time you will be given a formal denial and advised of your right to appeal.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Mr. Christopher Nesbitt, christopher.nesbitt@socom.mil, (910) 432-9233.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Martel".

Michael Martel
Colonel, U.S. Army
Deputy Chief of Staff, G-6

Enclosure

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

From: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) JSSOCOM USASOC 1SFC HQ
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 1:09 PM
To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USAJFKSWCS
Subject: FW: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530.

Very Respectfully,

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) JSSOCOM USASOC USAJFKSWCS
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 12:33 PM
To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530.

The Special Forces Warrant Officer Advanced Course (SFWOAC) is currently coordinating with the USAJFKSWC Commander Initiative Group to host two lecture forums for the next SFWOAC class 002-17 scheduled to begin in 17 July 2017 and conclude 21 September 2017. The first lecture forum hosted by the SFWOI will center on the topic: Transnational Terrorism and Insurgent Ideology. This discussion will be presented by Dr. Sebastian Gorka, on 9 August 2017, at 1300 and will be open to all of USAJFKSWC personnel. The second lecture forum hosted by the SFWOI will center on the topic: Roles and Responsibilities of a U.S. Ambassador within a joint environment. This discussion will be facilitated by (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) Foreign Policy Advisor (POLAD) to U. S. Special Operations Command, on 21 August 2017, at 1300. These two lecture forums will augment Module C: Special Operation Forces Doctrine and Operations terminal learning outcomes.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USAJFKSWCS
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 12:30 PM
To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530.

Thanks brother.

Do you still have time for your classroom discussion separate? Or do you want us to roll that discussion into the larger venue?

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

Very Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) JSSOCOM USASOC USAJFKSWCS

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 11:58 AM

To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

Subject: FW: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530.

FYSA,

Will be sent up in the SFWOI SITREP.. As well the USSOCOM POLAD invite..

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:42 PM

To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530.

Sounds great.

Thanks for the help.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:37 AM

To: (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530.

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

Thank you for the coordination.

Let's go with 9 August, same time. (It will generate more opportunity for other's to attend, throughout the week)..

I'll send you the supporting documentation for travel, etc. in June.

Look forward to hearing Dr. Gorka speak to our students.

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 1:10 PM
To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)
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V/r,

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From: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 3:28 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530.

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Once I get feedback from you, well inform our higher command for awareness and coordination.

Standing by,

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 2:38 PM

To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

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V/r,

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From: Gorka, Sebastian L. EOP/WHO [mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3:30 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530.

Another request:

From: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:17 PM

Cc: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

(USAJFKSWCS)

Subject: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530.

I have constructed the calendar for the next SFWOAC's course July 17 - September 22 2017 and would like to check the availability for Dr. Gorka to have a discussion with our students.

Topic of Discussion: Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology

Location: Special Forces Warrant Officer Institute, Fort Bragg, NC

Date and Time: Monday, 07 August 2017 from 1300-1530

(Alternate date and time within that week can be accommodated) FYSA this entire week the students will be analyzing Unconventional Warfare

Travel expenses: Line of account will be provided to fund the travel as previously.

Any questions feel free to contact me..

Thank you again for your support.

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

"Stay in the Fight"

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) **USSOCOM USASOC USAJFKSWCS**

From: Gorka, Sebastian L. EOP/WHO <Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 10:09 AM
To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USSOCOM USASOC USAJFKSWCS
Cc: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USSOCOM USASOC HQ; Dr Sebastian Gorka (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)
(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USAJFKSWCS; (b)(6) EOP/OA
Subject: Re: **13:00-16:00 on 09 AUG 2017**_Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Gentlemen:

Meet (b)(6) my White House colleague who can assist re SVTC. (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

V/R

SG

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Dr Sebastian Gorka
Deputy Assistant to the President
Office of the Chief Strategist
Sebastian.L.Gorka@WHO.EOP.gov <mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@WHO.EOP.gov>
Tel.: 202 881 8545

(b)(6)

On Aug 4, 2017, at 8:27 AM, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) wrote:

Dr. Gorka,

Thank you for your response. I will coordinate with our SVTC individuals to establish a link for both of us. If possible, I would like to conduct a SVTC communication check the day before to mitigate any issue that may occur. Do you have a point of contact that I could conduct the communication check with? If so, please forward me his/her email and I will work with them to conduct this check. Again thank you for returning my email and for taking time out of your day to meet with Special Forces Warrant Officer students.

v/r

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gorka, Sebastian L. EOP/WHO [mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 1:36 PM

To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) > >

Cc: Dr Sebastian Gorka <seb.gorka@gmail.com <mailto:seb.gorka@gmail.com>> (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

(USAJFKSWCS) (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USSOCOM

USASOC USAJFKSWCS (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) >

Subject: Re: **13:00-16:00 on 09 AUG 2017**_Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion.

Any chance we can do SVTC?

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Dr Sebastian Gorka

Deputy Assistant to the President

Office of the Chief Strategist

Sebastian.L.Gorka@WHO.EOP.gov <mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@WHO.EOP.gov>

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On Jul 26, 2017, at 11:51 AM, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

<mailto: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) wrote:

Doc,

Your brothers at the SFWOI have you scheduled for 09 AUG 2017 from 13:00-16:00 in the JFK auditorium.

Please confirm with (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

v/r,

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USAJFKSWCS

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:00 AM

To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

<mailto:(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)>

Subject: FW: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 08 August 2017 from 100-400.

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

In need of your special collaboration assistance with Dr. Gorka. As you can see (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) has been trying to get in contact with Dr. Gorka.

The new (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) does not have SA either.

Word on the street is that you may be able to assist, thank you!

v/r,

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USSOCOM USASOC USAJFKSWCS

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:59 PM

To: Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov <mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov>

<mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov>

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Special Forces warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 08 August 2017 from 100-400.

Dr. Gorka,

I spoke with (b)(6) and he suggested that I contact you directly. I work with (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) and I wanted to make contact as I will be taking lead with coordinating your visit to the Special Forces Warrant Officer Institute. I have

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reserved the JFK auditorium on 9 August from 1:00 until 4:00. If you have any requests or slide shows please contact me. Thank you for your time and I look forward to your briefing.

v/r

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:43 PM

To: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USSOCOM USASOC USAJFKSWCS (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

<mailto:(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)>

<mailto:(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology Discussion: 08 August 2017 from 100-400.

Thank you so much for contacting me. My detail with Dr. Gorka has ended and I am not longer supporting him. I do not believe he has a new EA. Please feel free to contact him directly at Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov <mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov> <mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov>

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[redacted] (b)(6)

From: Gorka, Sebastian L. EOP/WHO [mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3:30 PM

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To: [redacted] (b)(6)
<mailto:[redacted] (b)(6)>

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Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:17 PM
Cc: [redacted] (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)
[redacted] (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) (KSWCS)

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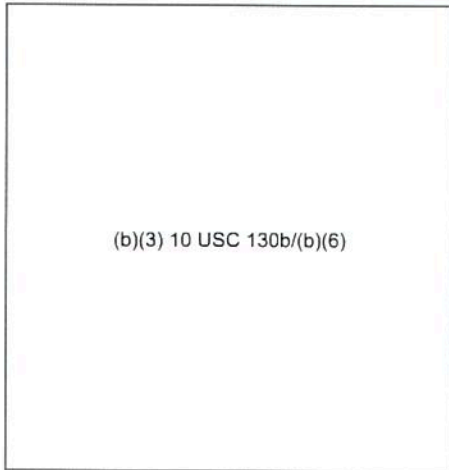
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USSOCOM USASOC USAJFKSWCS

From: Gorka, Sebastian L. EOP/WHO <Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 1:41 PM
To: (b)(6) EOP/NSC
Cc: (b)(6) EOP/OA; DL NSC WHSR Rooms; (b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6) USSOCOM USASOC USAJFKSWCS
Subject: RE: SVTC

Many thanks.

SG

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

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Dr. Sebastian Gorka

Deputy Assistant to the President

Office of the Chief Strategist

The White House

Sebastian.L.Gorka@WHO.EOP.gov <mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@WHO.EOP.gov>

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
 Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 1:38 PM
 To: Gorka, Sebastian L. EOP/WHO <Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov>
 Cc: (b)(6)
 Subject: RE: SVTC

The SMS Exec has been reserved for 8/9, from 1300 – 1420. Please have SOCOM contact us so that we can schedule their room.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

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From: Gorka, Sebastian L. EOP/WHO [mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 1:34 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Re: SVTC

Just me briefing to the operators in Bragg.

So 1.

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Dr Sebastian Gorka

Deputy Assistant to the President

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Tel.: 202 881 8545

(b)(6)

On Aug 7, 2017, at 1:32 PM, Grace, LaToya D. EOP/NSC (b)(6)

<mailto:(b)(6)> wrote:

How many participants will be present?

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) EOP/OA

Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 1:23 PM

To: DL NSC WHSR Rooms <DL.WHSRRooms@whmo.mil <mailto:DL.WHSRRooms@whmo.mil> >

Cc: Gorka, Sebastian L. EOP/WHO <Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov <mailto:Sebastian.L.Gorka@who.eop.gov>

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Subject: SVTC

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Good afternoon,

I am requesting a SVTC on behalf of Dr. Sebastian Gorka, Deputy Assistant to the President. Please see the details below.

Meeting Time/Date: 1300-1600 09 AUG 2017

Length of meeting: 3 hours

Subject of meeting: Special Forces Warrant Officer Advance Course Transnational Terrorism/Insurgent Ideology

Discussion

Chair of meeting: Sebastian Gorka

POC for coordination:

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)

<mailto:(b)(3) 10 USC 130b/(b)(6)>

Classification of meeting: ~~SECRET~~

AV Requirements: SVTC to SOCOM