



U. S. Department of Justice

National Central Bureau - INTERPOL

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Washington, D.C. 20530

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Ms. Christine Negroni
Investigator
Kreindler & Kreindler
100 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10017-5590

Dear Ms. Negroni:

This responds to your request dated July 18, 2002 to the Secretariat General (SG) located in Lyon, France for information concerning an arrest warrant issued by Interpol for Usama Bin Laden. The SG referred your request to the Department of Justice, Interpol-U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB). We received your request on August 8, 2002. Please refer to the above FOIA number assigned to your request in any additional correspondence.

Your request was given to the General Counsel's office which has the oversight over the Freedom of Information Act/ Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) program. The USNCB transmits domestic requests for international investigative assistance to other INTERPOL member countries, and forwards the responses to U.S. requesters. Similarly, the USNCB transmits requests from other INTERPOL member countries to appropriate U.S. federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies, and relays the U.S. responses. The USNCB is prohibited from processing requests from individuals and organizations other than those involved in law enforcement.

However, we will treat your request as a FOIA request. As such, your request asks for information concerning someone other than yourself. Release of information about a living person without that person's consent generally constitutes an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy in violation of the Freedom of Information Act, Title 5, U.S.Code § 552(b).

You must submit an authorization (privacy waiver) signed by Usama Bin Laden, consenting to the USNCB's release to you of any record that it may have pertaining to him. By completing and signing the enclosed Certification of Identity form, a person may authorize the USNCB to release any records pertaining to the person that it may have.

You should return the completed, signed form to the USNCB. Please note that it is a federal felony to make a false statement on this form. After the USNCB receives a completed form, signed by him, we will search our systems of records for his name. If we do not hear from you by the close of business on **August 22, 2002**, we will regard your request as withdrawn.

I must advise you that, in accordance with Department of Justice regulations (28 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 16.10), your request is deemed to constitute an agreement to pay any fees that may be chargeable up to \$25.00. Most requests do not require any fees; however, if fees in excess of \$25.00 are required, we will notify you beforehand. 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.

You may appeal by writing to:

Co-Director
Office of Information & Privacy
Department of Justice
Flag Building, Suite 570
Washington, DC 20530-0001

You must make your appeal in writing and it must be received by the Office of Information and Privacy within 60 days of the date of the letter denying your request. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Dorothy S. Beaty at (202) 616-7827.

Sincerely,

Edgar A. Adamson
Director


By: Kevin R. Smith
General Counsel

Enclosures



Privacy Act Statement. In accordance with 28 CFR Section 16.41(d) personal data sufficient to identify the individuals submitting requests by mail under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, is required. The purpose of this solicitation is to ensure that the records of individuals who are the subject of U.S. Department of Justice systems of records are not wrongfully disclosed by the Department. Failure to furnish this information will result in no action being taken on the request. False information on this form may subject the requester to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and/or 5 U.S.C. Section 522a(i) (3).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Suggestions for reducing this burden may be submitted to Director, Facilities and Administrative Services Staff, Justice Management Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530 and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Public Use Reports Project (1103-0016), Washington, DC 20503.

Full Name of Requester ¹ _____

Current Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Social Security Number ² _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person named above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Signature ³ _____ Date _____

Optional: Authorization to Release Information to Another Person

This form is also to be completed by a requester who is authorizing information relating to himself or herself to be released to another person.

Further, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b), I authorize the U.S. Department of Justice to release any and all information relating to me to:

(Print or Type Name)

¹ Name of individual who is the subject of the record sought.

² Providing your social security number is voluntary. You are asked to provide your social security number only to facilitate the identification of records relating to you. Without your social security number, the Department may be unable to locate any or all records pertaining to you.

³ Signature of individual who is the subject of the record sought.