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 To: Richard Rosano; Terrence Reis; Vonna Ordaz *NRR* } *NSIR*
 Date: 10/17/01 3:33PM
 Subject: Re: Information release, processing of FOIA's

I didn't think so, but it was a place to start developing an agency-wide definition of what is the threshold for release of information today.

>>> Richard Rosano 10/17/01 03:31PM >>>

Alan,
 There would be no reason for the Event Response Communications Team to address the issue. As I understand our charter, we are expected to respond to questions and assist with the compilation of information in cases where the staff responds to questions. We are not in the role of making policy regarding what should be released under FOIA.

Dick

>>> Alan Madison 10/17/01 03:28PM >>>

The proposal work for me. Does the Communications Task Group intend to address this issue?

>>> Terrence Reis 10/17/01 03:25PM >>> *NRR*

There is a lot of confusion as to expectations regarding release of material.

One element of this confusion is FOIAs. There has been e-mail from FOIA Branch and OGC that FOIAs must be processed as usual with the caveat from Carol Ann Reed, FOIA Chief, that those documents that warrant further review in light of the national security event be identified. I helped Ray Hsu and NRR Projects with a FOIA today on Point Beach. Projects identified several non OSRE IRs that were clearly not Safeguards, but did clearly contain information pertaining to the physical protection of the facility.

I developed the following "harm statement" to put them in FOIA Branch's hands and prevent their release until we come to grips with the situation.

Please advise as to whether you agree with the wording and approach so that we can begin to develop some consistency.

Also consider whether we should consider putting this problem in Dave Matthews lap.

Thanks

Terry

CC: Carol Ann Reed; David Matthews; Mindy Landau; Virginia Tharpe

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