



United States Department of State

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Mr. David Burger
Covenant for Forgotten Warriors (nonprofit)



Via electronic email: foia@covenantfowarriors.org

Dear Mr. Burger:

This is in response to your September 17, 2025 request submitted pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, in which you requested *“all communications and records concerning U.S. citizen Kelvin Blas, currently stranded in Togo, including internal emails, memoranda, cables, and other communications between U.S. Embassy Lomé (Consular Section) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs; all notes, entries, and documents in his consular case file; any correspondence between consular officials and other U.S. government entities; and any reports, incident logs, or case-status updates referencing him.”* The Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services received your FOIA request and assigned it tracking number **F-2025-28917**. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

The Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Overseas Citizens' Services, conducted a search and located **6** records, totaling **20** pages, responsive to your request. After careful review, we determined that **20** documents may be released in part. The Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. The withheld information is exempt from release pursuant to:

- 5 U.S.C. § 552**(b)(6)**, which concerns material that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's personal privacy.

This action closes your request in this office. For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison by email to FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at (202) 261-8484.

If you are not satisfied with the Department's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Office of Information Programs and Services, U.S. Department of State, A/GIS/IPS, HST Room B266, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, by email to FOIARequest@state.gov, or by fax to 202-485-1718. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days and include a copy of this letter, clearly stating why you disagree with the determination set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with the Department's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; fax: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

Talika R. Brown

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Enclosure(s):
As stated,