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Case Control Number: F-2023-08493
Subject of Request: Buakhao Von Kramer

Dear Mr. Carr:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated May 10, 2023, in which you requested visa records.

We are unable to provide any information in response to your request. Visa records are confidential under section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1202(f). Consequently, disclosing the existence or absence of such records in response to your request would reveal information exempt from disclosure under Exemption 3 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3). In addition, disclosing the existence or absence of such records would reveal information in which the individual’s privacy interest outweighs any public interest in disclosure, making that information exempt from disclosure under Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

Consistent with section 222(f) certain limited information may be provided to the subject of the visa records. You may submit another request with one of the following valid forms of authorization from the subject of the request: (1) a completed and signed DS-4240, Certification of Identity (available at the following web address: https://foia.state.gov/_docs/DS-4240.pdf), (2) a request that includes a notarized signature of the subject of the request, or (3) a valid signed and dated penalty of perjury statement that declares the following: “I declare, certify, state, or affirm under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct.” For additional information concerning requests for visa records, please refer to the following web address: <https://foia.state.gov/Request/Visa.aspx>. Please note, however, that even if you provide such authorization, the Department would still be required by section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. § 1202(f)) to keep confidential any visa records that were not previously received from or sent to the subject of the request.

You may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request via email at Foiastatus@state.gov or telephone at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case control number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

If you are not satisfied with the Department’s determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: U.S. Department of State, Appeals Officer, HST Room B266, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, or faxed to (202) 485-1718. Appeals must be postmarked

within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial agency decision letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations 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 ("OGIS") at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: 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; facsimile: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

Laura Stein

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