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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Steven Aftergood
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Re: *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. F-17-00022*

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) FOIA Office has received your e-mail dated, October 20, 2016, requesting a copy of the following documents pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552:

A copy of Patent numbers that would identify the patents granted to applications which were subject to secrecy orders that were rescinded in FY2016.


The USPTO identified that only two patents have been granted so far on cases in which the secrecy order was rescinded in FY16. They are: 9476682 and 9306290.

You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison at 571-270-7420 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, 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 as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Your request is considered complete with full disclosure. However, you have the right to appeal this initial decision to the Deputy General Counsel, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. An appeal must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. See 37 C.F.R. § 102.10(a). The appeal must be in writing. You must include a copy of your original request, this letter, and a statement of the reasons why the information should be made available and why this initial denial is in error. Both the letter and the envelope must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal."

The processing fee was less than \$20.00, and is hereby waived.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis J. Boston Jr.".

Louis J. Boston Jr.
USPTO FOIA Officer
Office of General Law