

Subject: Data on which John Morton relied for letter to the editor published in May 27, 2013 New Yorker
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To: ICE-FOIA@dhs.gov

To Whom It May Concern,

On May 27, 2013, the New Yorker magazine published a letter written by John Morton, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. That letter states: "William Finnegan's article about Mark Lyttle, an American citizen deported by his country, depicts a rare and unfortunate case dating back to 2008 that is in no way representative of our agency's record ("The Deportation Machine," April 29th)." The letter goes on to state that reforms undertaken in the meantime have addressed the problem of ICE detaining and deporting US citizens.
http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/letters/2013/05/27/130527mama_mail1

I write under the Freedom of Information Act to request:

- 1) All systems data--including spreadsheet data on deportation order terminations by immigration judges or the Board of Immigration Appeals-- as well as all memoranda, reports, email, and all other communications, including but not confined to correspondence with the ICE Office of General Counsel and Public Affairs on which John Morton relied for his assertion that reforms since 2008 have decreased the number of US citizens ICE is detaining or deporting.
- 2) I am requesting a copy of current ICE protocols for when agents or attorneys encounter individuals with probative evidence of US citizenship;
- 3) I am requesting all email correspondence and attachments for January 1, 2013 to present sent to the current USC dropbox email address required by current protocols for when ICE agents or attorneys encounter potential US citizens;

My articles on US citizens being deported has been reported in The Nation, The New York Times, and The New Yorker. In light of the recent letter and article on this topic published in the New Yorker, it is clear that this information is of extraordinary public interest and that ICE itself recognizes this. I am therefore requesting an expedited response to this request.

As I will be using this information for my scholarship, journalism, and teaching I am requesting a fee waiver.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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