

*Privacy International v. FBI*

Redactions Made By United States Secret Service

In addition to the redactions made throughout to protect the identities and other personal information pertaining to law enforcement personnel using Exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), exemptions were made pursuant to exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(7)(E) to redact additional information. The use of exemption (b)(5) was pursuant to both the attorney-client and deliberative process privileges. Most of the withheld materials consisted of communications between Secret Service employee/clients and their lawyers, as well as between lawyers, for the purposes of asking for and providing legal advice. All of these materials also included discussions on the merits on whether to utilize particular investigative techniques regarding remote access that, if redacted, would expose opinions, advice, and recommendations involved in agency decisionmaking.

This material is further redacted under (b)(7)(E) to withhold information that reveal details of law enforcement techniques regarding remote access to the extent that either the techniques themselves are not well known or the circumstances under which the Secret Service may use them in the future are not well known. Disclosing this information, even if the Secret Service does not currently use the techniques discussed, would undermine their use if used in the future and would also implicitly reveal currently used techniques, many of which are not well known (or the circumstances of the Secret Service's use are not well known). Disclosure of the information could reduce or even nullify the effectiveness of such procedures, if utilized in the future.