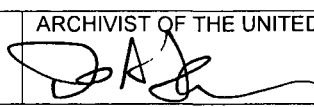
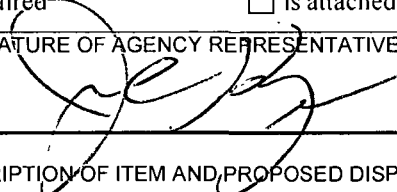


REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY		JOB NUMBER N1-065-10-11	
To. NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION 8601 ADELPHI ROAD COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740-6001		Date received 1/9/10	
1 FROM (Agency or establishment) Department of Justice		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION Federal Bureau of Investigation			
3 MINOR SUBDIVISION Counterterrorism Division			
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Tammy J. Strickler	5 TELEPHONE NUMBER 540-868-4363	DATE 3 May 2010	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES 
6 AGENCY CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached <u>2</u> page(s) are not needed now for the business for this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required <input type="checkbox"/> is attached. or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested			
DATE 1/4/2010	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE 		TITLE John C. Krysa Chief, Records Automation Section
7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
	<p>Visa Assessment Disposition and Exploitation Review (VADER) System</p> <p>The VADER system is used by the FBI to support the Department of State, which submits Security Advisory Opinions (SAO) to the FBI for further review before making a final determination on a visa applicant's approval to enter the United States. The FBI reviews SAO applicant and sponsor information for further analysis and intelligence gathering. If a review of an applicant's information leads to further investigation, FBI staff assist in disseminating that information to the appropriate case agents in the field. FBI personnel inform the State Department of pertinent information that may be necessary in the applicant's processing.</p>		

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The Visa Assessment Disposition and Exploitation Review (VADER) system is designed to process visa SAO information provided in Extensible Markup Language (XML) format from the Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force (FTTTF) Datamart on a regular basis. This information is submitted to the Investigative Data Warehouse (IDW) and then reviewed by FBI analysts. If a review of an applicant's information leads to further investigation, FBI staff assist in disseminating that information to the appropriate case agents in the field. FBI personnel inform the State Department of pertinent information that may be necessary in the applicant's processing.

VADER allows intelligence analysts the ability to assess and disposition visa applications after initial scrubbing processes have been performed. VADER utilizes an automated means of retrieval of Consular Consolidated Database (CCD) information provided by FTTTF via a secure FTP connection. The VADER system then submits that information to IDW to utilize its search capabilities. IDW returns result sets back to VADER, which stores that information for analysts to review.

The database plays a central role in the end-to-end visa processing. Thousands of visa SAOs are submitted each day, and must be processed and dispositioned appropriately. SAOs that are deemed to need further review by FBI's business processes are then stored in the database so that analysts may review the results returned from IDW. After initial analysis is completed, any SAOs that are determined to need further investigation are stored for future review and reporting.

The FBI is reliant on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Department of State (DoS) and the FBI for Visa application information. This MOU addresses data exchange requirements between the two departments with regards to information sharing of SAOs, and establishes authority for the FBI to review and respond to those records.

1. **Inputs.** The VADER system ingests information from the Department of State SAOs and a variety of intelligence community sources, to include copies of data from FTTTF Datamart and IDW.

Disposition Destroy/delete input sources once uploaded and verified as complete and accurate

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2. **Outputs.** Reports that indicate:

a. No further investigation needed

Disposition: Destroy/delete when 5 years old.

b. Further action is required, and case processing is initiated, and leads are set to agents.

Disposition Maintain commensurate with the related case file

Filing instruction

c. Reflect an encounter or potential encounter during screening with a known or suspected terrorist

Disposition: ~~Maintain commensurate with~~ the Encounter Management Records, NI-065-

06-2, item 3b

Destroy 99 years after date of entry in accordance with

3. **Master File.** VADER database of all SAO applicant and sponsor information for further analysis and intelligence gathering

a. Records that reflect an encounter or potential encounter during screening with a known or suspected terrorist.

Disposition Delete/destroy individual records 99 years after date of entry

b. Records that do not reflect an encounter or potential encounter during screening with a known or suspected terrorist and therefore not appropriate for preservation

Disposition Destroy/delete when 5 years old

4 **System Documentation** These records include system specifications, user guides, and privacy impact assessments

Disposition Destroy/delete when superseded Destroy/delete final system of system documentation 1 year after termination of the system.

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Related Records

5. **Memoranda of Agreement with Other Government Agencies.** Agreements made (1) requesting that the FBI review multiple sources of information for the processing of visa applications and (2) for the sharing of information amongst the intelligence community in processing these requests

Disposition: Destroy/delete 10 years after termination of the agreement

6. **System Audit Log** The audit log contains data on each transaction conducted in VADER Included is such information as the date and time of record updates, system usage, system inquiries, file exports, etc

Disposition: Cutoff at the end of the calendar year.
Delete/destroy when 25 years old

7. **System Backups.** Backups are maintained for potential system/server restoration in the event of a system/server failure or other unintentional loss of data

a Disposition:

(1) DELETE/DESTROY incremental backup media when superseded by a full backup or when 90 days old

(2) DELETE/DESTROY full backup media when a more current full backup has been successfully captured or when 90 days old

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