

Caldwell, Jacqui

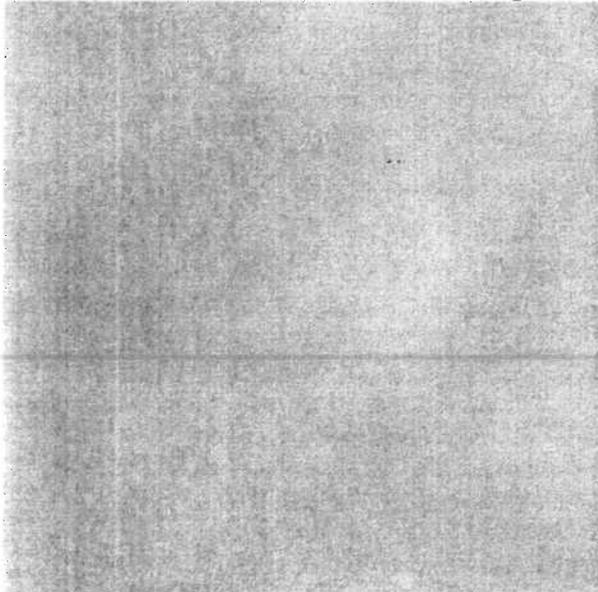
From: James Giglio [jcgiglio@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 3:05 PM
To: Caldwell, Jacqui
Subject: Re: Your FOIA request

When can I expect an answer?
Here' the original inquiry:

I've just looked up (and calculated) the % of GDP that oil exports account for among the OPEC nations. Collectively, they have a GDP of about \$4,000 Billion, and their oil exports come to about \$850 Billion, based on an assumed world oil price of \$80 a barrel (which can be expected to fluctuate, mostly up, with time). That's about 21% of GDP accounted for by oil among these nations.

If the US accomplishes its stated objective of leading the world into a fossil-fuel free future, then the OPEC countries will lose about 21% of their GDP, and their people (mostly Islamic) will starve in the streets. Whether or not this would be a good thing is a serious policy decision. My question has to do with existing trade agreements. Do we have "wobble room" to allow oil from some countries (and not others) to enter our markets.? In short, can we "play favorites" with oil (and other fossil fuels) by allowing selected nations entry into our energy markets?

On 2/23/2010 12:21 PM, Caldwell, Jacqui wrote:



Mr. Giglio,

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

June 2, 2010

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Dear Mr. Giglio:

This letter is USTR's response to your inquiry under the Freedom of Information Act **"Do we have "wobble room" to allow oil from some countries (and not others) to enter our markets? In short, can we "play favorites" with oil (and other fossil fuels) by allowing selected nations entry into our energy markets?"**

Please be advised, this is not a proper FOIA request. Your inquiry does not adequately describe the records that you are seeking. However, we understand that your question was answered by Mr. Daniel Stirk of USTR on March 2, 2010

Inasmuch as this constitutes a complete response to your request, I am closing your file in this office. In the event that you are dissatisfied with USTR's determination, you may appeal such a denial, within thirty (30) days, in writing to:

FOIA Appeals Committee
Office of the United States Trade Representative
1724 F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20508

Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal". In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you seek.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the FOIA office at (202) 395-3419.

Sincerely,



Carmen Suro-Bredie
Chief FOIA Officer

Case File #10022307