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Dear Mr. Roitz:

This letter serves to advise Blackwater that the U.S. Department of State (Department) requires strict adherence to the provisions of Contract No. S-AQMPD-05-D-1098 pertaining to contract records and the disclosure of information.

Specifically, Sec. H.7 H-020 SAFEGUARDING OF INFORMATION (05/95) provides:

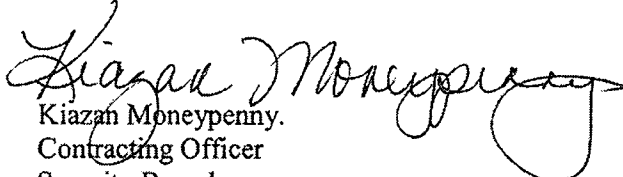
The Contractor and its employees shall exercise the utmost discretion in regard to all matters relating to their duties and functions. They shall not communicate to any person any information known to them by reason of their performance of services under this contract which has not been made public, except in the necessary performance of their duties or upon written authorization of the Contracting Officer. All documents and records (including photographs) generated during the performance of work under this contract shall be for the sole use of and become the exclusive property of the U.S. Government. Furthermore, no article, book, pamphlet, recording, broadcast, speech, television appearance, film or photograph concerning any aspect of work performed under this contract shall be published or disseminated through any media without the prior written authorization of the Contracting Officer. These obligations do not cease upon the expiration or termination of this contract. The Contractor shall include the substance of this provision in all contracts of employment and in all subcontracts hereunder.

The Department's position on this matter has been further reinforced via phone conversations between Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration and Chief Acquisition Officer for the Department, William Moser, and you September 20, and separately between Mr. Moser and Blackwater's Project Manager Mr. Victor Esposito September 19.

It is plain from the cited clause that all documents and information generated in the course of performance of Contract No. S-AQMPD-05-D-1098 are fully subject to the control of the Department. I hereby direct Blackwater to make no disclosure of documents or information generated under Contract No. S-AQMPD-05-D-1098 unless such disclosure has been authorized in writing by the Contracting Officer.

Please let me know if further clarification of this direction is required at the present time.

Sincerely yours,


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