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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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**U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services**

**Control Number: COW2024003991**

June 7, 2024

Anne Kyi  
Free Burma Society LLC  
21128 StoneCrop Pl  
Ashburn, VA 20147

Dear Anne Kyi:

We received your request for information on May 16, 2024. Your request asked for a copy of the revised guidance to Asylum Officers to consider whether an asylum seeker could reasonably relocate to another part of the country of feared persecution when assessing claims of future persecution in all credible fear cases, as stated in a DHS press release: DHS Announces Proposed Rule and Other Measures to Enhance Security, Streamline Asylum Processing, May 9, 2024.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2024003991. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

We respond to requests on a first-in, first-out basis and on a multi-track system. Your request has been placed in the complex track (Track 2).

Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

Consistent with 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(a) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FOIA regulations, USCIS processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although USCIS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10 business day extension of this time period in certain circumstances. Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Additionally, due to the scope and nature of your request, USCIS will need to locate, compile, and review responsive records from multiple offices, both at headquarters and in the field. USCIS may also need to consult with another agency or other component of the Department of Homeland Security that have a substantial interest in the responsive information. Due to these unusual circumstances, USCIS will invoke a 10 business day extension for your request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). Please contact our office if you would like to limit the scope of your request or to agree on a different timetable for the processing of your request. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

The National Records Center (NRC) has the responsibility to ensure that personally identifiable information (PII) pertaining to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) clients is protected. In our efforts to safeguard this information, we may request that additional information be provided to facilitate and correctly identify records responsive to your request. Though submission of this information is voluntary, without this information, your request may be delayed while additional steps are taken to ensure the correct responsive records are located and processed. Further, if we are unable to positively identify the subject of the record we may be unable to provide records responsive to your FOIA request.

#### How to Check the Status of Your Request

You may check the status of your FOIA request online at [first.uscis.gov/#/check-status](https://first.uscis.gov/#/check-status). If you have any questions concerning your pending FOIA/PA request, or to check the status of a pending application or

petition, please call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

How to Submit Questions or Changes

Questions concerning this FOIA/PA request may be mailed to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office, P.O. Box 648010, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010 or emailed to FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov. All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes must be submitted in writing, and signed by the requester. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence. For more information regarding the USCIS FOIA Program, please visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/FOIA](http://www.uscis.gov/FOIA).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jarrod Panter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jarrod T Panter

Acting Chief FOIA Officer

Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Unit