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Subject: RE: Question from the Privacy Coalition Members
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Lillie, thank you again for inviting me to speak.

Ed, thank you for your questions. Glad to see you had called into the Privacy Coalition meeting today. Let me look into your requests and I or someone on my staff will get back to you.

I assume that you have read our Annual Report for 2008, which will give you some background on FOIA at the Department. Further, you should look at the PNR report that we just released. I have a leadership journal entry here:


... and you can get to the report from this journal entry. This may give a better sense of things for you. My sense is that most PNR-related FOIA and PA requests go to PLCY and CBP and we have been working with both components to improve response times and completeness. Of course, the OPEN Government Act will impact things significantly for the Department, starting January 1.

Regards,

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From: Lillie Coney [mailto:coney@epic.org]
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2008 2:21 PM
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Hugo,

There was a question asked about the work of your office's work regarding PNR FOIA requests from Edward Hasbrouck.

Ed I hope that this captures your question to Hugo. Ed, said that the DHS PNR data requests are taking more than a year.

Questions:

How is the backlog problem on PNR request being addressed?

Is the agency prepared for an additional wave of requests once replies begin to go out on the backlog?

Thanks,
Lillie