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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO Honorable Marcia S. Krieger

Civil Action No. 07-cv-02697-MSK-BNB

KHALFAN KHAMIS MOHAMMED,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERIC HOLDER, The U.S. Attorney, HARLEY LAPPIN, Director of B.O.P., HARRELL WATTS, Administrator of National Inmate Appeals, and FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,

Defendants.

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART MOTIONS TO COMPEL AND FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court pursuant to Mr. Mohammed's Motion to Compel Discovery (# 331), and the Defendants' response (# 349, 350); and the Defendants' Motion for Protective Order (# 332), and Mr. Mohammed's response (# 356).

The Court heard oral argument on the motion on February 14, 2014 (# 362), and the Defendants made an *in camera* production of the contested documents. On March 18, 2014, this Court issued an Opinion and Order Granting in Part and Denying In Part (# 366) both motions. Also pending is the Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration (# 371) with regard to a portion of that March 18 Order, and a Motion to Restrict Access (# 375) to an exhibit submitted by the Defendants in support of that motion for reconsideration.<sup>1</sup>

The motion to restrict access is granted.

# **FACTS**

The Court assumes the reader's familiarity with this dispute and with the contents of the March 18 Order, and the factual recitation there concerning the facts of this case and the issues presented is deemed incorporated herein, as is the Court's discussion of the relevant legal standards.

Some time after tendering the documents that were the subject of the March 18 Order, the Defendants produced an additional CD of materials, representing potentially responsive documents that were in the custody of the FBI. (The Defendants supplemented that first CD production with a second CD containing several documents inadvertently omitted from the first CD. This Order addresses the contents of both CDs without further distinguishing between them.) These documents were not accompanied by a traditional privilege log. Rather, certain material in each document was contained in one or more colored boxes on the document, and various single-letter "deletion codes" in the corner of each box identified the grounds upon which the Defendants were claiming privilege for the information contained in that box. The Defendants provided a separate key listing the 18 distinct deletion codes the Defendants invoked.

### <u>ANALYSIS</u>

Before turning to the specific documents, the Court has several general observations.

First, it is the Court's understanding that the Defendants have already produced all of the documents on the CDs (or, at the very least, all of the documents from the folders other than those designated "TANBOM") to Mr. Mohammed in a redacted form, and that the redactions on the documents produced to Mr. Mohammed correspond precisely with the boxed text on the documents provided to the Court. As exhibits to his Motion to Compel, Mr. Mohammed attached samples of the redacted FBI documents that have been provided to him by the

Defendants. Although the Court cannot locate those same pages in the CDs that have been produced, the type and frequency of the redactions should on Mr. Mohammed's exemplars is consistent with the type and frequency of the boxed text in the documents produced to the Court. Moreover, the explanatory memo accompanying the Defendants' CDs seems to imply that the FBI has produced the redacted versions of the documents contained on the CD to Mr. Mohammed.

Accordingly, the rulings herein relate <u>only</u> to the material contained within the various colored boxes designated by the Defendants. In other words, even where the Court directs below that a given document may be withheld on privilege grounds at set forth below, the Defendants shall produce the entirety of that document to Mr. Mohammed, redacting <u>only</u> that portion of the text that was contained within a text box for which the Court has upheld a claim of privilege.

Second, the Court notes that its review of the documents has been made in somewhat of a vacuum. Although the Defendants' Motion for Protective Order was supplemented with the *ex parte* affidavit of FBI Assistant Director John Giacalone (# **340**, **342**), elaborating somewhat on the general reasons for the Defendants' invocation of the law enforcement privilege and addressing certain concerns the Defendants had about the disclosure of certain kinds of information, the Defendants have not offered any publically filed brief or publically detailed log that offers <u>specific</u> arguments as to why <u>specific</u> documents within the FBI's production should be deemed privileged.

Limiting itself to publically filed documents<sup>2</sup>, the Court has referred only to the deletion codes and the identified text of each document letting each speak for itself, without clarification,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Defendants have submitted documents pertinent to their state secret assertion, which documents are maintained in secure fashion and have been reviewed *ex parte* by the Court. These documents have been considered in conjunction with the Defendants state secret assertion,

elaboration, or contextual explanation.<sup>3</sup> The Motion for Protective Order has not been supplemented since its filing. Because the Defendants have been heard to the full extent that they wish to be on the reasons why these documents should be withheld from production, the Court is not inclined to entertain a motion seeking reconsideration of this order for reasons that could have been fully identified or explained at the time of filing the Motion for Protective Order.

Finally, the Court briefly explains the file structure on the CDs and identifies the documents it has reviewed and is adjudicating. The root directory of the initial CD provided by the Defendant contains the following folder names: (i) "BOP docs"; (ii) FBI Denver files produced [parts 1-4]"; (iii) "FBI emails produced" (this folder is subdivided into 9 parts, although part 4, apparently comprising Bates numbers 11815-11959, or thereabouts, was not included on the CD); (iv) "Nassor docs from TANBOM Sub DD & other files"; (v) "Other inmates' correspondence in Denver file"; (vi) TANBOM complete NY Sub DD file"; (vii) "TANBOM NY Sub I file"; (viii) "TANBOM Sub IC file"; (ix) "TANBOM Sub DD production in addition to Nassor docs"; (x) TANBOM two 302s of Fatima Khamis Mohammed"; and (xi) a key listing and describing the various deletion codes.

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but have not been considered as supplementation or explanation of other arguments in the Defendants' Motion for Protective Order.

This stands in sharp contrast to the Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration, which identifies specific documents that the Court has directed be produced, and offers document-specific arguments as to why such production should be withheld. Although the Court is aware that the Defendants believe themselves to be under onerous time pressures in responding to Mr. Mohammed's latest discovery requests, it was the Court's expectation that the <u>initial</u> invocation of privilege would address individual documents or categories of documents with this degree of specificity. The Court finds the process by which the Defendants initially offer only generalized or boilerplate assertions of privilege, and then respond to the Court's denial of those invocations with more specific explanations via a motion for reconsideration, is an inefficient use of the limited resources that the Court has to devote to this case.

At oral argument, Mr. Mohammed's counsel conceded that he was no longer requesting production of "the TANBOM file." Lacking any clear understanding of the extent to which Mr. Mohammed's reference to the "TANBOM file" corresponds to the various files denoted as TANBOM in the Defendant's FBI production, this Court has simply assumed that any file folder containing the TANBOM designation is no longer requested by Mr. Mohammed. Thus, this Order addresses only the documents contained in folders (i) – (iii) and (v) listed above.

The Court then turns to the specific documents on the CDs.

### A. Universal Grounds for partial redaction

Numerically, the deletion code most frequently cited by the Defendants with regard to these documents is code "S", representing "personal identifying information related to law enforcement personnel and their family members, the disclosure of which is routinely guarded for security reasons." Without passing on the assertion in the second clause of that sentence, this Court notes that Mr. Mohammed conceded at oral argument that he was only interested in knowing when persons who the Defendants have identified as trial witnesses are mentioned in or involved with a document, and the identities of persons involved with documents that the parties have designated as trial exhibits. The Court understands that the Defendants' redactions in these documents take that concession into account.

This Court agrees with the Defendants that, in light of Mr. Mohammed's concession at oral argument, it is appropriate to withhold the names (and, sometimes, phone numbers or e-mail addresses) of authors or recipients of routine e-mails or other document, the identities of persons involved in translating conversations, and other people mentioned only incidentally in documents. As in many large organizations, communications within the FBI are often copied to numerous people who have varying involvement with an issue or decision, and thus, the mere

fact that a particular person is the recipient of a particular e-mail is of little relevance to the contested issues in this case. Moreover, without prejudging the merits of any issue, the Court finds that the particular circumstances of a case like this (one involving a high-security prisoner whose prior conviction involved violence directed at innocent civilians) warrants the exercise of additional precautions against unnecessarily exposing the identities of law enforcement personnel or other individuals. Accordingly, the Court will permit the Defendants to redact all of the names of individuals that it has identified in the documents using the "S" code. If Mr. Mohammed believes that a specific document is so highly probative, such that the redacted identity of a particular person involved with that document should be disclosed, he is free to request that disclosure upon a precise, detailed showing.

Secondly, the Court notes that many of the requested redactions are those that seek to withhold various items of bureaucratic or administrative data: case numbers, file identifiers, project names, routing information, and so on. Although the Court sees little security risk in disclosing, for example, the FBI case number assigned to Mr. Mohammed, the Court also sees little probative value in disclosing that number to Mr. Mohammed. Accordingly, the Court will permit the Defendants to redact any previously-identified instances of purely administrative data such as identifying numbers, file numbers or descriptors, project names, and other internal agency codes and designators that lack any significance to the issues presented here. To the extent Mr. Mohammed believes that a particular item of administrative data should be revealed to him, he may make a request identifying the specific item and the precise reasons why such information is significant.

Third, a significant number of documents in the production relate partially or wholly to matters involving other inmates subject to SAMs. Whether justified on reasons of privacy,

institutional security, or simple irrelevance, the Court finds it appropriate to permit the Defendants to redact any portions of the FBI's production that discuss matters relating solely to other inmates.

Thus, the Court permits the Defendant to make these redactions to any documents that are otherwise directed herein to be produced.

#### **B.** State secrets

Several of the documents produced by the Defendants contain wholesale redactions invoking the state secrets privilege (code "A"). Although fully redacted on the CDs produced to the Court, the Defendants have delivered hard copies of these documents to the Clerk of the Court to be stored securely, subject to the Court's *ex parte* review.

Pursuant to *Reynolds v. U.S.*, 345 U.S. 1, 8 (1953), when faced with an invocation of the state secrets privilege, the Court engages in a three-step analysis. First, it ascertains whether the Defendant has invoked the privilege in a procedurally-proper way, most significantly by tendering an affidavit from the appropriate agency official attesting to his or her review of the documents in question and his or her belief that the privilege properly applies. Second, the Court reviews the documents to ascertain whether the invocation of the privilege is colorable, affording due discretion to the agency's expertise on the matter. If the Court finds that, affording appropriate deference, the invocation of the privilege is reasonable, the Court proceeds to the third step of evaluating whether the claims or defenses in the case are so inextricably intertwined with matters of state secrecy that dismissal is the only appropriate remedy.

There appears to be no particular challenge by Mr. Mohammed to the procedural sufficiency of the Defendants' invocation of the state secrets privilege, nor is there any contention by either party that the material designated as state secrets are so central to this action

that dismissal is the only possible path if such documents are to be withheld. Thus, the Court need only consider whether the Defendants' designation of the particular documents as state secrets is reasonable, giving due deference to the FBI's expertise and knowledge in such matters. Based on the Court's *ex parte* review of the documents, it concedes that there are colorable issues of state secrecy raised in the documents. Accordingly, the Court finds that the Defendants may withhold from production to Mr. Mohammed all text in the FBI production denominated with code "A." However, the claims in this case are not so intertwined with matters of state secrecy that dismissal is the only appropriate remedy.

# C. Attorney-Client and Attorney Work Product Privileges

A number of documents in the FBI's production include portion whose contents have been redacted (even from the Court) with the deletion code of either "K," referencing the attorney-client privilege, or "L," referencing the attorney work product privilege.

The Defendants' Motion for Protective Order raises only two specific privileges – the law enforcement privilege and the deliberative process privilege. Construing the record generously to the Defendants, they also raised a state secrets privilege in their response (# 350) to Mr. Mohammed's Motion to Compel. As best the Court can ascertain, at no time have the Defendants meaningfully addressed the attorney-client or attorney work product privileges in their motions or responses on this matter. Because those privileges have not been invoked by the Defendants via motion, the Court declines to authorize the withholding of any documents solely on the grounds of these privileges. Thus, the Defendants shall produce all portions of documents that have been previously redacted based solely on a "K" and/or "L" code.

#### D. Relevance

As in the Court's March 18 Order, the Court initially eliminates numerous documents that are simply irrelevant to the matters that remain to be tried. In light of several factors, including the rapidly-approaching trial date, the volume of the FBI's production, and the Court's greater familiarity with the contents of the Defendants' records and the issues to be resolved, the Court has been somewhat more aggressive that it was in the March 18 Order in pruning out documents that have no relevance to the contested issues in this case. There is little value in forcing the Defendants to produce and Mr. Mohammed to review routine transmittal letters, memos that simply direct that a certain document be copied into a certain file, e-mails that simply attempt to set up or confirm a meeting, or other matters of a routine or simply administrative character. Trial in this case will focus on the Defendants' reasons for continuing or modifying the SAMs imposed on Mr. Mohammed, and the Court has elected to withhold from production any documents that are so purely administrative in character or so unrelated to those concerns that they simply bear no meaningful relevance to the issues to be tried.

Accordingly, the Court permits the Defendants to withhold the following documents (by Bates number) on the grounds of relevance:

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1415-1416

4483-4485 (except that the Defendants shall produce the portions of these documents that specifically reference Mr. Mohammed)

1554-1556

1557-1561

1571-1574

1579-1624

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1633-1634

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1641-1642

1644-1648

1856

1859

1887

4384-4385

4387

4389

4392-4393

5062-5065

5101-5014

5111-5115

11042-11043

11122

11123

11146

11233

11246

11273

11278

11287

11292-11294

11296

11298

11300

11302-03

11336-11337

11372-11377

11409

11423

11427-11428

11435-11439

11440-11441

11444-11450

11452-11457

11459-11465

11466-11471

11473-11478

11480-11485

11495-11496

11518-11519

11524-11525

11529-11535

11537-11539

11542-11544

11550-11552

11554-11556

11558-11559

11561-11562

11564-11565

11567-11568

11587-11588

11596-11597

11610-11611

11641-11656

11658-11667

11693-11694

11697-11700

11708

11710

11751

11753

11766

11771

11776-11777

11779-80

11782-11786

11789-11793

11801-11804

11807-11813

11960-11977

11981-11983

11985-11987

11989

11996-11997

11999-12007

12011

12022

12028

12036-12037

12059-12066

12068-12069

12071-12074

12076-12080

12096

12099

12101-12102

12104, 12106

12128-12131

12136-12137

12140-12143

12153-12154

12156-12162

12176-12179

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12201-12203

12206-12207

12212-12214

12218-12222

12224-12226

12227-12238

12240-12271

12276-12277

12279-12283

12285-12286

12400-12505

12574-12575

12580

12616

12656

12685

12746

12751

12761

12774

12869

12876

12891

12914

14813

14013

14883

14885-14886

14890-14892 14894-14895

14958

14962-14963

14990

14999-15003

15007-15009

15019-15022

15024

15044

15052-15061

15062-15066

15069

15071-15075

15877-15080

15082-15086

15088-15177 15182-15184 15186-15192 15210-15214 15216-15219 20797-20813

-The redacted portions of all documents in the folder titled "FBI Denver Files Produced – Part 2," with the exception of the document whose filename is t\_DN vol 12 part 1.pdf, may also be withheld on relevance grounds. A portion of that document may be withheld on law enforcement privilege grounds, and a portion of it shall be produced as reflected below. Any portion not identified in either the Law Enforcement Privilege section or the Documents to Be Produced section of this Order may be withheld on relevance grounds.

## C. Law Enforcement Privilege

The Court previously discussed the contours of the law enforcement privilege in its March 18 Order, and that discussion is deemed incorporated herein. Several documents warrant redaction pursuant to the law enforcement privilege. Those documents fall generally into one of two categories: documents that reveal the manner in which the FBI evaluated Mr. Mohammed's request to add additional relatives to his list of permissible contacts and vetted those individuals – that is, the type of information that the FBI sought with regard to these individuals and the specific conclusions it came to after obtaining that information -- and documents that reveal specific instances in which the FBI investigated and evaluated activities by Mr. Mohammed that it deemed suspicious (as well as the FBI's conclusions following such investigations<sup>4</sup>).

On the other hand, the Court has not concluded that information discussing particular instances of SAMs violations by Mr. Mohammed fall within that privilege. For example, numerous documents make reference to Mr. Mohammed violating his SAMs by requesting that

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In this regard, the Court is somewhat persuaded by Mr. Giacalone's contention that the privilege should extend to conclusions by the FBI that a certain suspicious conversation did <u>not</u> actually contain any coded messages, or that a particular individual Mr. Mohammed wished to communicate with posed no specific threat. Such conclusions might implicate law enforcement concerns to the extent that they might confirm to Mr. Mohammed that the FBI was unaware of a particular type of coded communication or that its method of vetting individuals tended to overlook certain kinds of negative information.

his sister conceal the source of certain books she sent him by using a false return address. It is the Court's understanding that Mr. Mohammed is advised of such violations, either contemporaneously or at the time of his next annual renewal, and thus, there is no security or law enforcement interest in withholding such information from him here.

The Court finds that the following documents contain material that may be redacted pursuant to the law enforcement privilege.

11288 11326 11328 11332 11368-11371 11378-11380 11382-11408 11410-11421 11696 11737 12008 12012 12017 12086-12095 12132 12190-12194 14620 14814-14815 14825-14827 14841-14843 14850-14851 14854 14977-14978 15034-15035 20446-20461 20464-20467 20471-20472 20501-20502 20506-20509 20513-20515 20522-20529 20817-20818

20844-20846

# **D.** Deliberative Process Privilege

The Court incorporates its discussion of the deliberative process privilege from its March 18 Order.

The Court has found some instances in which this privilege is properly invoked. However, might arguably fall within the scope of the deliberative process privilege, but that they should nevertheless be disclosed. As noted in the March 18 Order, the deliberative process privilege is a conditional one, and in some circumstances, Mr. Mohammed's need for the information may overcome any risk that disclosure of the deliberations might chill candor among agency representatives in future internal deliberations. Here, the Court has found the deliberative privilege to yield to Mr. Mohammed's need where certain FBI documents reflect the FBI's recommendations to others that SAMs be modified or continued, particularly where the FBI's recommendation relates particular reasons and specific instances of conduct in support of that recommendation. The issue of why Mr. Mohammed's SAMs were continued or modified on certain occasions is at the heart of this case, and thus, his need to review documents that set forth a detailed rationale for the decision to do so is of particular importance here. Moreover, the Court finds that the deliberative character of such recommendations is fairly low: the Defendants have not suggested that the recipient of such recommendations frequently rejected the FBI's advice (such that the recommendation reflected one of many contemplated courses of action) or that there was sharp internal or external disagreement over the decision (such that the FBI might be reluctant to weigh in on the decision in the future). In such circumstances, the Court finds

that, even if the deliberative process privilege is properly invoked, the balance of hardships tips in favor of disclosure to Mr. Mohammed.

As in the March 18 Order, the Court has treated obvious draft memoranda and letters as deliberative in nature, but only where clear indicia such as strikeouts or corrections mark the document as a draft. Where no such indicia appear, the Court has assumed that the document is in its final form and has directed that it be produced.

The following documents may be redacted as requested in accordance with the deliberative process privilege.

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4820-4823
14855-14856
14928
14940
11547-11548
11570-11572
11575-11577
11579-11581
11583-11585
11590-11594
11600-11603
11605-11609
11612-11616
11617-11618
11620-11624
11625-11626
11628
11670-11671
11673 and upper portion of 11674
upper half of 11677
11715-11720
11723
11725
11732-11733
11738-11740
11741
11743
12208-12210
12273-12274
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12287-12290

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14797
14801-14805
14807-14809
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The following documents, although arguably subject to the privilege, must nevertheless be produced because the privilege yields to Mr. Mohammed's need for the information.

11430-11433 11521-11522 11721-11722 11729-11731 11754-11757 11758-11759 11772-11775 12204-12205 14857-14860 14950-14952 14955-14957 14959-14961 14983 15048-15049

# F. Documents to Be Produced

The Court finds that the assertions of privilege with regard to the following documents are without merit. Accordingly, subject to the permissible universal redactions discussed above, the Defendants shall produce the following documents in an unredacted form:

1103 1105 1364-1366 1370-1376 1383-1384 1388-1389 1392-1392 1410-1411 1413 1524 1529-1531 1533-1534 1539-1544 1546

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1690
1704
1787
4396
4407-4411
4511
4593-4594
4629-4639
4607
4689-4695<sup>5</sup>
4849-4859
4861-4865
4867-4871
4873-4885
11289
11290
11309
11352
11487-11490
11493
11526-11528
lower half of 11674, all of 11675
upper half of 11677, all of 11678
11680-11683
11686-11691
11702
11705
11713
11726-11728
11735
11814
11979-11980
11990-11991
11993-11994
12013-12014
12018-12019
12023
12026
12029-12030
12032-12034
12038-12039
12041-12042
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For the reasons discussed in the Motion for Reconsideration section, the Court permits the Defendants to redact those portions of this document that discuss the means and methods by which the BOP monitors conversations between inmates.

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12044-12045
12047-12048
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12052
12144-12146
12148
12163
12167
12169-12170
12174
12200
12215-12217
13960
14660-14665
14703
14898-14899
14903-14904
14919
14941-14942
15030-15032
15180
20516-20518
20833-20835
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-all portions of documents that have been redacted based solely on a "K" (attorney-client privilege) and/or "L" (attorney work product) code.

-all documents contained in the file entitled "Email results part 9.pdf" in the "FBI Emails Produced" folder. Those documents are redacted in such a way that the Court cannot review the redacted text, and thus, cannot evaluate the Defendants' claim of privilege. Because the burden is on the Defendants to support their claim of privilege, the failure to produce readable documents warrants a finding that the Defendants have not carried their burden to avoid production.

#### G. Motion for Reconsideration

The Defendants have moved (# 371) for reconsideration of a portion of the Court's March 18 Order, requesting that the Court revisit its directive that the Defendants produce three particular documents. The documents in question are: (i) Bates # 0016-0029 from the BOP's production; (ii) Bates # 0088-0090 from the BOP production; and (iii) Bates # 0787-0788 from the SDNY production.

With regard to the BOP production, the Defendants' motion is supported by an affidavit of Thomas Kane, a BOP official, who explains that the two BOP-produced documents disclose certain facts about the uses and locations of certain equipment that the BOP uses to monitor inmates' conversations with one another (or, at least, the uses and locations of that equipment as of 2004, when the document in question was written), and that if this information were to be disseminated, inmates might alter their behavior to frustrate such monitoring. The Defendants represent that they are prepared to produce the BOP documents with the specific information about inmate monitoring redacted, pointing out that issues about the monitoring of inmate behavior falls outside the scope of the issues presented in this case.

With regard to the document from the SDNY production, the Defendants note only that the same document is included in the FBI's production, subject to the invocation of the law enforcement privilege.

The Court pauses at this juncture to once again observe that the Defendants' initial claims of privilege were not accompanied by any meaningful discussion of the particular documents involved, an identification of the specific material claimed to be privileged, or a discussion of the particular circumstances that rendered such material especially sensitive. Much like the FBI production discussed herein, the Defendants essentially presented the invocation of privilege with regard to the BOP and SDNY productions as being self-evident. Without guidance by the Defendants as to the specific bases of their concerns for each document, the Court's acceptance or rejection of a claim of privilege was thus largely dictated by whether the privileged nature of each document was indeed evident on the document's face.

Whether designated as motions to alter judgment under Fed. R. Civ. P. 59(e) or motions for relief from an order under Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(b), it is axiomatic that motions for

reconsideration are a proper mechanism for a party to present newly-discovered evidence or correct an erroneous interpretation by the Court of the law or a party's argument, but it is not a vehicle for a party to offer evidence or arguments that the party could have raised originally. *See generally Servants of the Paraclete v. Does*, 204 F.3d1005, 1012 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000). The Defendants' current request for reconsideration unquestionably presents information – *e.g.* facts about the manner in which the BOP monitors conversations between inmates and its concerns about what could happen if the details of such monitoring were to be disclosed – that was available to the Defendants at the time of their initial Motion for Protective Order, and yet was not submitted in support of that motion. The Defendants offer no particular explanation as to why they did not offer Mr. Kane's affidavit or otherwise brief or argue that disclosure of inmate monitoring practices would be particularly harmful to the BOP's law enforcement activities. Consequently, the Court has grave doubts that the Defendants' motion for reconsideration is even proper here.

That being said, the Court also agrees with the Defendants that the particular information about the means by which the BOP monitors inmate's conversations with one another is irrelevant to Mr. Mohammed's claims in this action. Thus, the Court will permit the Defendants to redact those portions of the two specifically-identified BOP documents that relate to the means by which the BOP monitors conversations between inmates.

The argument with regard to the SDNY production is more ephemeral. The Defendants state only that the SDNY document – a document for which the Defendants claimed a law enforcement privilege which the Court rejected – is also the subject of a claim of law enforcement privilege in the FBI's production. Having reviewed that same document as part of the FBI's production discussed above, the Court has once again rejected the Defendants'

invocation of the law enforcement privilege with regard to it and directed that it be produced.

Accordingly, the Defendants' request for reconsideration of the March 18 Order directing production of that document is denied.

# **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, the Court supplements its March 18, 2014 Opinion and Order (# 366) as set forth herein. The Defendants shall produce the additional documents identified herein to Mr. Mohammed within 7 days of the date of this Order. The Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration (# 371) is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART as set forth herein. The Defendants' Motion to Restrict Access (# 375) to an exhibit submitted by the Defendants in support of that motion for reconsideration is GRANTED and that document shall remain subject to a Level 3 restriction.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2014.

**BY THE COURT:** 

Marcia S. Krieger

Chief United States District Judge

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