

16 November 2020  
Knowles & Hoffman  
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Great Falls, VA 22066

Mr. Sam Ghandchi  
~~14070 Clatterbuck Loop~~  
~~Gainesville, VA 20155~~

Dear Mr. Ghandchi:

The US Government disapproved your request for access to classified information on 25 August 2020. Individuals who are granted or maintain access to classified information must meet strict security standards as outlined in the enclosed attachment. Any doubt about whether an individual should be granted or retain access to classified information will be resolved in favor of national security.

The security clearance determination was based on Security Executive Agent Directive 4, National Security Adjudicative Guidelines for Foreign Influence.

On your SF-86, you reported you were born in Iran and have held dual citizenship with Iran and the US since 1993. You reported you served in the Iranian military from June 1976 to June 1978 and received an Honorable discharge. You reported you possessed a valid Iranian passport from July 2013 to July 2018.

On your SF-86 you also reported that your spouse was born in Iran and holds dual citizenship with Iran and the US. You reported that your two step-children, brother, and three sisters are citizens and residents of Iran. You also reported another sister who is an Iranian citizen and a resident of Australia.

During your security interviews you advised knowing a Captain in the Iranian Army, who disclosed to you that he was an Iranian military Intelligence Officer. You also advised that your brother was previously employed as a clerk by the Iranian Justice Department. During your security interviews you further advised that your allegiance is to the US, but stated if the Iranian regime changed, you would consider moving back to Iran.

To request a review of the security clearance determination, please see the attached guidance.

Sincerely,



Connor S. Knowles  
Senior Appeals Officer