

From: , Robert F
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 12:47 PM
To: Van Buren, Peter M
Cc: , Stuart M
Subject: Instruction to stop misuse of Department of State seal

Peter,
In your statement on January 30 (“Talking Points for Explaining Chaos in Iraq”) you use the Department of State seal. In addition to any violation of 3 FAM 4170 by this statement, use of the seal violates 2 FAM 152 (below). As your supervisor, I instruct you to remove the seal from this statement and to refrain from using it on any unofficial public statements.

Robert F.
Deputy Director,
Office of Policy Coordination
and Public Affairs (CA/P)
Bureau of Consular Affairs
United States Department of State
Room 4800
2201 C St. NW
Washington, DC 20521-4800
202 647 2??4

2 FAM 152 SEALS (EXCERPT) **2 FAM 152.2-2 Department of State Seals**

(CT:GEN-344; 08-26-2008)

- a. Department of State personnel are authorized to affix replicas and reproductions of Department Seals to appropriate documents, certifications, and other materials for all official purposes, consistent with this section.
- b. Department of State seals or reproductions thereof may not be used for unofficial purposes by any person, and may not be used by any nongovernment person or entity, without the express approval of the Department. The chief of mission or designee must immediately notify the Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations (OIG/INV) when misuse of an official seal is determined.
- c. Department seals are used:
 - (1) In the performance of consular services (see [7 FAM](#) 800);
 - (2) When preparing Department correspondence (see 5 [FAH-1](#), Correspondence Handbook);
 - (3) When including Department Seals in printed or electronic graphic products (see Graphics Handbook, 5 [FAH-7](#) H-122 through H-125);
- d. For instructions concerning the affixing of the consular seal on the premises and property of U.S. decedents, see [7 FAM](#) 291.3, paragraph d.

e. Wrongful use of the official seals of the Department of State could subject the individual or entity to the provisions of 18 U.S.C 1017, which provides penalties for the wrongful use of an official seal, or [18 U.S.C. 506](#), which provides penalties for forgery or fraudulent making of a Department seal, and to other provisions of law, as applicable.