

FOIA/PA REQUEST

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**ABC News 20/20**

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Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) I request the following records:

Copies of any and all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, faxes and email (including attachments and enclosures) your agency has received from vice presidential candidate Senator Joseph Lieberman (CT) and/or members of his staff from January 1, 1994 to present along with your agency's responses. This includes copies of all memos or other documents from this period pertaining to phone calls, face-to-face meetings or other contacts between your agency and Lieberman and/or any members of his staff. Please include copies of any follow up documents or response from your agency.

Do not include routine form letters or "buck slips" in this request. We are primarily interested in original letters in which the Senator indicated a personal interest.

Please call me if I can modify or narrow the scope of this request, or alter this request to be placed on a faster track. Please send me copies of any other FOIA request letters from others requesting copies of these records, along with your agency's response.

I request expedited review of this request. The public has a compelling need to know as much about the background of Vice Presidential candidates and this information will be of no use after the elections.

If you regard any of these documents as exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. Please note that you are required under the FOIA to release any reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of the documents. To permit an intelligent, informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denial decision, you are also requested to describe withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the logical and factual basis for exemption claims. Please advise me of any destruction of any records covered in this request and include the date of any authority for such destruction.

20/20 is a nationally broadcast network news program. Since this request is made in the public interest and the results hereof are intended for broadcast, I hereby request that all fees be waived. The wide range of potential uses and capabilities of this research makes the public disclosure of this information a public necessity to our millions of readers.

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and inform me of your agency's administrative appeal.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and since the information is of such timely value, I ask that you initially respond by telephone, particularly if you have any question not covered herein. I can be reach at 212-456-2062. My mailing address is TAMI SHEHERI, ABCNews 20/20, 147 Columbus Avenue 4th Floor, New York, NY 10023. I look forward to receiving your reply to this request within 20 business days, as required by the Act.

Sincerely,

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