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FOIA Officer
1000 Independence Ave. SW
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FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. s. 552, I request access to and copies of all documentation relating to the Department of Energy Inspector General's investigation of bias at Yucca Mountain (the report was released on April 23, 2001). This request for all related documents includes, but is of course not limited to, the transcripts or other results of interviews with the "200" witnesses interviewed during the IG investigation. The requested information includes, but is of course not limited to, the witnesses' names, their job titles and affiliations to the Yucca project, the date of interview and their full statements. The requested information includes, but is of course not limited to, documentation of the IG's attempts to obtain the "unavailable" e-mails from JK Research Associates.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$100. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the DOE's IG report on bias toward the Yucca Mountain project that is of current interest to the public because Nevada is the proposed site for the nation's nuclear waste repository and people in the state have concerns about whether the DOE and its contractors are biased about the suitability of Yucca Mountain. This information is being sought on behalf of *Las Vegas Sun* for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Carolyn

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Grove". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" and last name "Grove" clearly distinguishable.

Benjamin Grove