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FOIA/PA REQUEST

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Action Off: B. B. W. J.
Review Case: _____

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request that information be released to me under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

I would like copies of

- resumes
- biographies
- employment applications and amendments
- recusal letters
- ethics agreements
- statements of understanding
- resignations (if applicable)

for NRC and sub-agency employees who serve or served in positions classified as

- PAS – presidential appointment with Senate confirmation
- PA – presidential appointment without Senate confirmation
- SES – Senior Executive Service [career (GEN), noncareer (NA), and limited appointments (LA)]
- Schedule C – Excepted appointment
- XS – Statutory-excepted positions

for President George W. Bush's administration.

I would also like the position/title, appointment date, and, if applicable, leave date for all employees for which records are released. If redactions are made, please identify the area redacted and specify the reason for its nondisclosure.

I am a representative of the news media affiliated with the National Security News Service, a group of non-profit investigative journalists. This request is made as part of news gathering and is not for a commercial use. I am exempt from search and review fees as described in 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II).

I request a waiver of all fees as described in 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

What I intend to do with this information: I intend to disseminate this information to the public directly on National Security News Service's web site and indirectly by sharing this information with other members of the news media. I also intend to analyze and digest the released information for possible use in national media stories on the government's activities.

Why I intend to obtain and disseminate this information: The public deserves to know who runs their government and who advises their president and vice president. Resumes, employment applications, recusal letters, ethics agreements, and resignations reveal these leader's backgrounds, qualifications, skills, and conflicts of interest. This information offers critical insight into how the peoples' government operates by examining its highest-level agents.

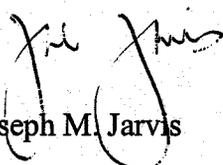
Why I am qualified to receive this information: National Security News Service is qualified to comprehend, analyze, and distribute this information. For 15 years, we have employed career investigative journalists to develop nationally-important security stories for distribution in the mass media. We have an established reputation for public education through good reporting. Our staff has prior experience obtaining, analyzing, and distributing political appointees' resumes to the public. We have already released appointees' resumes from natural-resources-related agencies (DOE, DOI, EPA, USDA). National Security News Service's focus on national security makes us particularly qualified to use your agencies' information in ways that educate and benefit the public at large.

If my request for a fee waiver is denied, please notify me. I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$100. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first. I am aware of 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iv)(II), which states that no fees may be charged for the first 100 pages of duplication for members of the news media. I am also aware of 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iv)(I), which states that no fees may be charged if the costs of routine collection and processing are likely to exceed the amount of the fee.

I may be contacted by e-mail at Jarvis@PublicEdCenter.org or telephone at (202) 466-4310.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Jarvis