

## FOIA Resource

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### FOIA/PA REQUEST

**Case No.:** 2010-0306  
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**Specialist:** Raphael  
**Related Case:** \_\_\_\_\_

Washington Office FOIA Officer  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. For your convenience, I will divide my request into three parts, though they are interlinked.

1) I request a copy of all memos, e-mails, letters, policy documents, or other documents which communicate a policy, process, or direction by which any component of the White House, the Executive Office of the President (including the staff of the President, public affairs, the White House Counsel's Office, the Office of the Chief of Staff, the Office of Management and Budget, or any other office therein), or the political appointees of your agency/commission/department shall be notified or given an opportunity to review documents whenever your agency/department receives incoming FOIA requests deemed to be politically sensitive, newsworthy, noteworthy, salient, striking, or implicating "equities" (or "White House equities").

2) I request a copy of all logs, e-mail, or other communication pertaining to the processing and handling of specific FOIA requests that have been relayed to political appointees within the agency/department or to officials and staff in the executive branch (see item #1, above) from the FOIA office of your agency/department/commission as evidence of the ongoing use of the aforementioned policy.

3) Furthermore, I request a copy of all e-mails and other communications pertaining to the White House or the Office of Management and Budget reviews of FOIA requests, including discussion of delays or timelines or processing of requests on an ongoing basis.

For all three requests, I request only documents dating from January 20, 2009 to the present. I also intend, with this request, to be asking for documents separate from pre-existing policies relating to FOIA requests that implicate documents which were obtained and through the White House (which have long required the involvement of the White House in processing).

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me 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. The information requested will be disseminated in the format of an article for an academic journal. I am previously a co-author of an article about Freedom of Information, published in the July issue of Open Government (<http://www.opengovjournal.org/>). In addition, information received from this request will be incorporated into a book to be published by Professor Patrick Schmidt, Associate Professor of Macalester College, which concerns disclosure in American politics. He is previously the author of multiple books published by major university presses.

I request that the information I seek be provided in electronic format, and I would like to receive it on a personal computer disk (or a CD-ROM).

I may be called at the telephone number listed below, but do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at [hjohnso3@macalester.edu](mailto:hjohnso3@macalester.edu).

Sincerely,

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