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FOIA/PA REQUEST

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Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply refer to Archive# 20101002NRC002

Dear Sir :

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request the following:

All documents related to "the several specific steps" that White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and White House Counsel to the President Bob Bauer instructed your agency to take in a 16 March 2010 memo to all agency and department heads. The memo is available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/foia_memo_3-16-10.pdf

The "specific steps" that the memo instructed your office to implement include:

- 1) "update[ing] all FOIA guidance and training materials to include the principles articulated in the President's memorandum" and*
- 2) "assess[ing] whether you are devoting adequate resources to responding to FOIA requests promptly and cooperatively."*

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable non exempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

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To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. Please notify me before incurring any photocopying costs over \$100. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7000 or email me at foiamail@gwu.edu. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty day statutory time period.

Sincerely yours,

Nate Jones



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