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*Office of the General Counsel
Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Office*

May 9, 2016

RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA #16-027

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 16, 2016 to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), which the Agency received on February 29, 2016. In your request, you asked for highlights of the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) Senior Staff meetings during 2013, 2014, and 2015.

The Agency has located the documents responsive to your request and they are enclosed with this letter. No information was redacted from the documents, and all responsive documents are being provided to you. Please note that the practice of creating IBB Senior Staff Meeting highlights ceased after the departure of IBB Director Lobo in November of 2013. There are no chargeable fees associated with this request.

This completes the Agency's response to your request and it is now closed. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 203-4550 or the Office of the General Counsel at the above address. Currently, inquiries are not accepted via E-mail.

Sincerely,



Andrew T. Krog
FOIA and Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure:
Releasable Documents



Agenda: BBG Monthly Senior Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Welcome – Dick Lobo

On the phone:

OCB – TBA

RFA – TBA

MBN – Anne Noble and Kelly Sullivan

RFE/RL – John Giambalvo, Beth Portale and Jeremy Bransten

Housekeeping – Dick Lobo

- New CFO
- Fitness Center updates and locker drawing (Tish King)

Fiscal Update – Marie Lennon

Strategy and Development – Bruce Sherman

- LSR and Knowledge Management System
- Growth Strategy
- New Development money
- Africa FMs (Bamako, Juba, DRC, Nouakchott)
- Research status
- Product catalog
- South Korea trip

Iraq Licenses – Andre Mendes

Communications and External Affairs – Lynne Weil

- Congressional update
- Media
- Outside stakeholders
- Introducing Laurie Moy

OIG/GAO Update – Kelu Chao

OCB – TBA

VOA – David Ensor

RFA – TBA

MBN – Anne Noble and Kelly Sullivan

RFE/RL – John Giambalvo, Beth Portale and Jeremy Bransten

Financial disclosure and ethics training obligations – Paul Kollmer

Civil Rights – Delia Johnson

- February 26 at 2pm in the Cohen Auditorium: Phillip A. Tibbs – Author, Lecturer and Son of a Tuskegee Airman
- February 27: Alternative Dispute Resolution training
- February 28 at 11am in the NTSB Conference Center: Black History Month event featuring Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee

Agenda: BBG Monthly Senior Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Welcome – Dick Lobo

On the phone:

OCB – Irv Rubenstein
RFA – Burnadette Burns
MBN – Anne Noble
RFE/RL – John Giambalvo

Housekeeping – Dick Lobo

- Workplace Engagement video – Peter Vaselopoulos
- Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey – Chelsea Brown

Fiscal Update – Marie Lennon and Jeff Trimble

Strategy and Development – Bruce Sherman

- Progress in the field: new affiliations and media cooperation agreements in the works
- Recap of our recent off-site
- OSD communications reporting
- New systems – SMART, CRM, etc.

Communications and External Affairs – Lynne Weil

- Congressional update
- Media
- Outside stakeholders
- Launchpad Demonstration – Anastasia Kolobrodova

Research Update – Bill Bell

- New research findings from Pakistan and Vietnam
- Some new findings on satellite use in China

TSI – Andre Mendes

Global Networking

- MPLS network expansion
- MTIPS connection

Infrastructure

- Network Control Center rebuild
- Kuwait Shortwave enhancements
- Sri Lanka damage repair

Telephony

- Migration to Unified Communications in full swing
- Migration to Skype as a high priority
- New scrutiny of long distance use (and abuse)

New FMs

- Juba is alive and well
- Bangui survives turmoil
- Mali is on-air
- N'Jamena is coming in June

Nobody expects the Spanish.... Sequestration

- Sequestration cuts have been enacted
- Financial Dashboard
- Freeze on any discretionary spending within TSI
- Acceleration of any money saving projects

Dalet Plus and Dalet Radio Suite HD

- Korea, Portuguese live in the new system, lining up the other language services
- WebSpace access to the archive workflow has been launched
- Storage slowdowns have been addressed
- Aiming at our toes...

Internet Censorship Circumvention

- Iran and China up the ante on VPN's
- Internet blocking reporting devices
- One-Way IP over satellite
- Cuban project burning through

OIG/GAO Update – Kelu Chao

- OIG/GAP update
- POC Training

OCB – Irv Rubenstein

VOA – David Ensor

RFA – Burnadette Burns

MBN – Anne Noble

RFE/RL – John Giambalvo