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provided to Chairman Darrell Issa, House Oversight and

Government Reform Committee, concerning the

administration of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA),

2011

Requested: 10-December-2011

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Source of document: FOIA Requester Service Center

U.S. Trade and Development Agency 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1600

Arlington, VA 22209-3901 Fax: (703) 875-4009 Email: <u>foia@ustda.gov</u>

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U.S. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

December 30, 2011

By Electronic Mail

Re: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request 2012-003

Thank you for your FOIA request to the U.S. Trade and Development Agency dated 12/10/2011 which we received on 12/10/2011, in which you asked for,

- "1) an electronic copy of the records provided by USTDA to the Honorable Chairman Darrell Issa, whose office had in January 2011 asked your agency for various data concerning the administration of the Freedom of Information Act.
- 2) a copy of any correspondence whatsoever sent to Chairman Issa's office on the subject of the January 2011 inquiry, and any correspondence sent during calendar year 2011 to Chairman Issa's office on the subject of FOIA."

In accordance with FOIA, the Agency has conducted a reasonable search for the records. All responsive records are being released in their entirety and are enclosed. No other responsive records were found.

Thank you for your inquiry. There is no charge for this search.

Sincerely,

Anna T. Katselas

Assistant General Counsel



U. S. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

February 15, 2011

Ms. Tegan N. Millspaw Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 350 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

By Electronic Mail to: tegan.millspaw@mail.house.gov

Re: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request

Dear Ms. Millspaw:

We have reviewed the letter dated January 25, 2011 (the "Letter") from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (the "Committee") requesting certain information relating to the U.S. Trade and Development Agency's ("USTDA") FOIA program.

As requested in the Letter, USTDA is hereby providing to the Committee its FOIA logs for the five years preceding the date of the Letter—including a log of FOIA requests received thus far for fiscal year 2011. The logs are provided in Microsoft Excel format and contain each of the information fields requested by the Committee. We have also identified in each log, in yellow highlight and bold text, each FOIA request that was submitted to USTDA more than 45 days prior to the date of the Letter and to which USTDA has not yet issued a complete and final response.

In addition, USTDA is also hereby providing to the Committee all communications between USTDA and each requestor whose FOIA request dates more than 45 days prior to the date of the Letter and remains open. There are no federal judicial actions in which USTDA, within the five years preceding the date of the Letter, has been ordered by a court to pay any attorneys' fees or other litigation costs incurred by a FOIA requestor.

We hope that this response and the attached documents are satisfactory to the Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter or the attached documents.

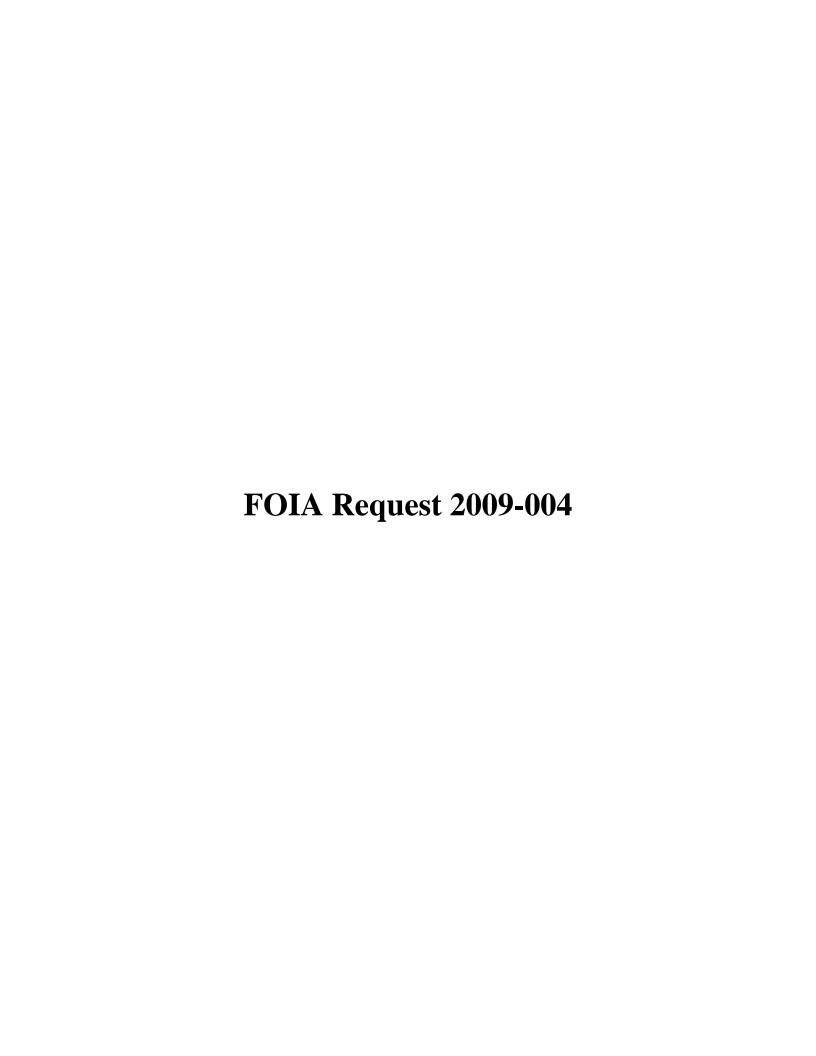
Sincerely

Alain Lopez

Assistant General Counsel

cc: Peggy Philbin, Deputy Director and Chief FOIA Officer James A. Wilderotter, General Counsel Thomas R. Hardy, Director for Congressional Affairs and Public Relations

U.S. Trade and Development Agency Communications with FOIA Requestors As of February 15, 2011



From: Abul-Hawa, Khalid

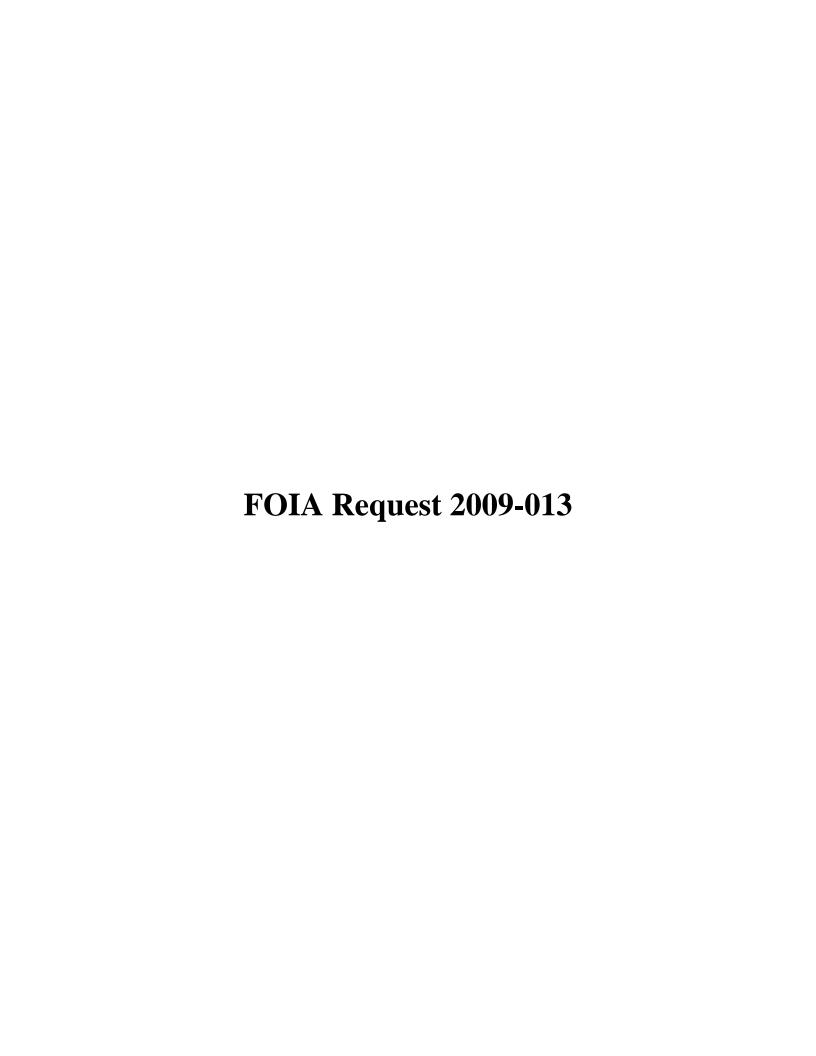
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 3:27 PM

To: 'mgiese@optimization-inc.com' **Subject:** FOIA Request 2009-004

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you on behalf of the United States Trade and Development Agency in regards to a FOIA request you submitted on January 9th, 2009. The request is still pending. Would like us to continue the search for responsive records? If not, please send an email to that effect to khalidabulhawa@gmail.com referencing FOIA Request 2009-004.

Regards, Khalid Abul-Hawa



Link, Kendra

From: Robert Woods [rfw5@caa.columbia.edu]

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 8:36 AM

To: Link, Kendra

Subject: Re: USTDA FOIA Request - Agency response to request for expedited processing

The question is actually why do I have to submit a FOIA request for information that is supposed to be and USTDA asserts is readily available to the public?

On Wed, Jun 10, 2009 at 6:01 PM, Link, Kendra < klink@ustda.gov > wrote:

Dear Mr. Woods:

Thank you for your FOIA request to the U.S. Trade and Development Agency ("USTDA") dated May 31, 2009, which we received on June 1, 2009, in which you seek expedited processing of your request for copies of both the winning proposal and associated report for the projects you listed. Your request was received by USTDA and assigned file number 2009-013.

You indicated that the basis of your request for expedited processing is the public's "urgent need for information about tax payer funds dispersed by USTDA." Please be advised that a request for expedited processing must demonstrate a compelling need for the information in order to be granted. Compelling need is established if a person primarily engaged in disseminating information shows an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged federal government activity. In this instance, we find that you have not demonstrated a compelling need.

I have reviewed your claim and self-certification and have determined that I must deny your request for expedited processing. Though your request concerns federal government activity, you have failed to demonstrate the requisite "urgency to inform." Aside from conclusory statements, you have provided no evidence that your request involves a matter of a current exigency to the American public or a matter that could compromise a significant recognized interest if a delayed response was produced. The visibility and amount of taxpayer dollars used is a matter common to all agencies and simply does not demonstrate the kind of urgency required for expedited processing.

Should you choose to appeal this decision, you must do so within 10 calendar days from the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you, and should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based. Your appeal should be addressed to:

Freedom of Information Act Appeal

U.S. Trade and Development Agency

1000 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1600

Arlington, VA 22209-3901

Additionally, be advised that, since your request for expedited processing has been denied, we have placed your request in our "routine request" queue and have initiated a search for responsive records.

The undersigned is responsible for the above determination.

Sincerely,

Kendra D. Link

Assistant General Counsel and FOIA Public Liaison

U.S. Trade and Development Agency

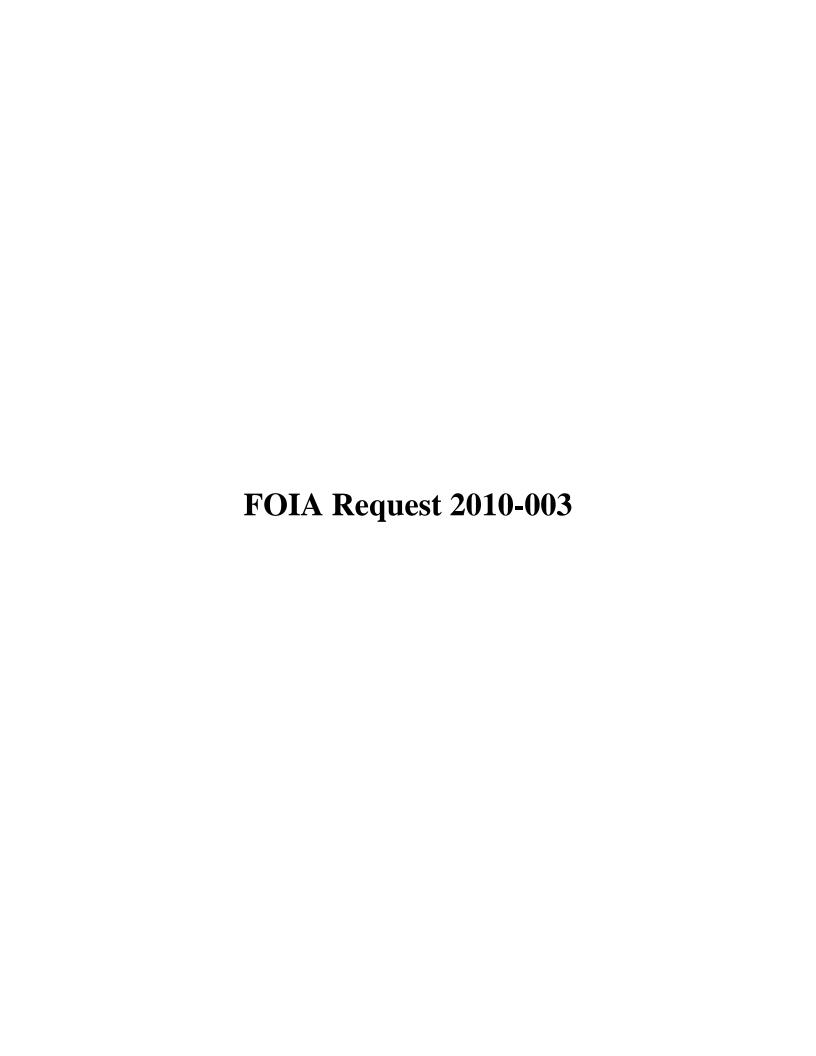
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(703) 875-4009 fax

klink@ustda.gov



From: Greg Muttitt [mailto:greq.muttitt@googlemail.com]

Sent: Monday, September 06, 2010 5:22 PM

To: Abul-Hawa, Khalid (USTDA) **Subject:** Re: FOIA Request ¹

Dear Mr. Abul-Hawa,

I was wondering if you could kindly give me an update on the progress of this request please? It would be very helpful if you could give an estimate of how long it is likely to take. But if you are still unable to do that, could you instead give me a qualitative sense please? eg Have you started work on my request yet? If so, what stage is it at (eg documents retrieved, exemptions considered, consultation with other government agencies etc)? If not, could you let me know how many are still ahead of me in the queue please?

Many thanks for your assistance.

Best regards, Greg

On 07/06/2010 13:30, Abul-Hawa, Khalid wrote:

Dear Mr. Muttitt,

I am glad to be of assistance. Unfortunately I cannot give you an estimate of when the work will be completed. FOIA requests are processed in the order that they are received and each request is different. As such, they require differing amounts of time. Once your review has been processed we will notify you immediately.

Thank You, Khalid Abul-Hawa

From: Greg Muttitt [mailto:greg.muttitt@googlemail.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 05, 2010 5:47 AM

To: Abul-Hawa, Khalid Subject: Re: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Abul-Hawa,

Thank you for your email. Could you let me know please your estimate of when you will complete your work on my request?

Many thanks Greg

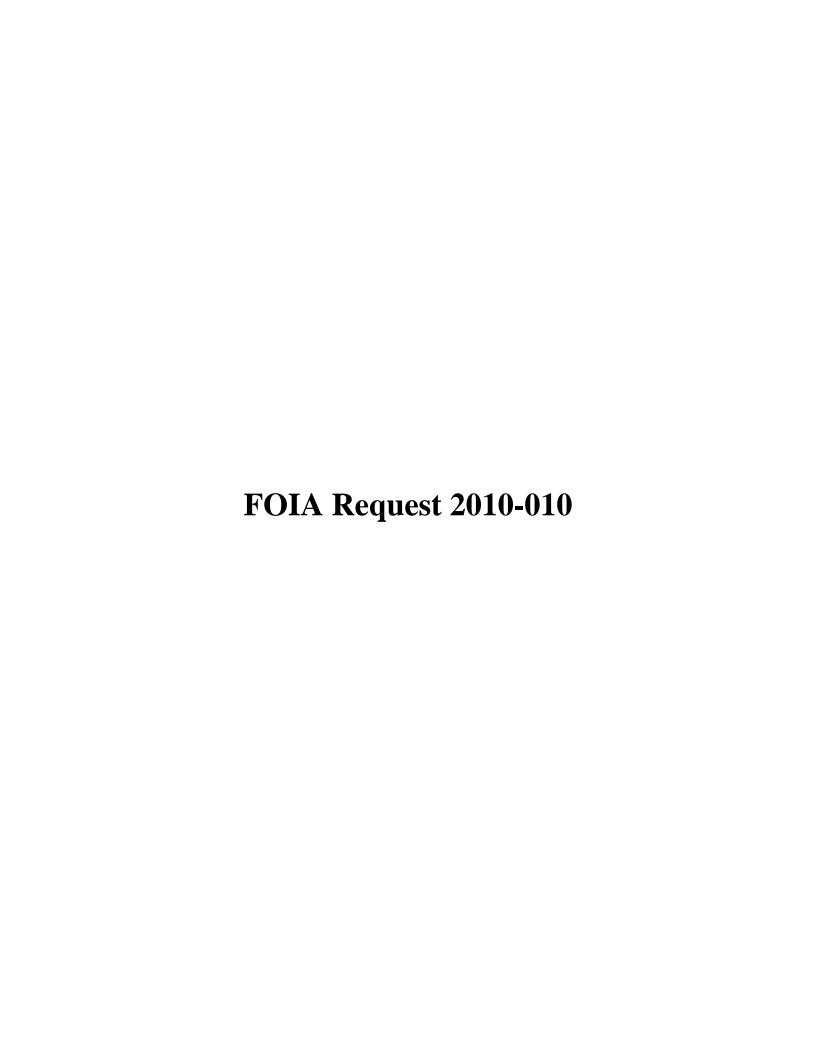
Abul-Hawa, Khalid wrote:

Dear Mr. Muttitt.

¹ Soon after this email, USTDA staff called Mr. Muttitt and informed him that a search had been performed and the documents were under review.

I am writing to inform you that we are still processing your FOIA request. We will contact you once the review process has been completed. Please forward any questions to Khalid Abul-Hawa at kabulhawa@ustda.gov.

Thank you, Khalid Abul-Hawa



From: Link, Kendra

Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 2:26 PM

To: foia@foia.com **Cc:** Abul-Hawa, Khalid

Subject: RE: FOIA Request Status

Dear Mr. Stachewicz,

I received your email below from Mr. Kahlid Abul-Hawa. I would like to reiterate Mr. Abul-Hawa's statements below and emphasize that USTDA is processing our FOIA requests in as expeditious a manner as possible. Unfortunately, USTDA currently has a backlog of FOIA requests pending at the agency. As such, USTDA has adopted the court-sanctioned practice of handling backlogged FOIA requests on a "first-in, first-out" basis.

Please understand that your FOIA request is important to us and we seek to provide a response to you as soon as practicable. We will keep you apprised of the status of your request and provide you a response as soon as practicable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Warmest regards,

Kendra

Kendra D. Link Assistant General Counsel U.S. Trade and Development Agency 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1600 Arlington, Virginia 22209-3901 (703) 875-4357 phone (703) 875-4009 fax klink@ustda.gov

From: FOIA GROUP [mailto:foia@foia.com] **Sent:** Friday, August 06, 2010 12:37 PM

To: Abul-Hawa, Khalid

Subject: RE: FOIA Request Status

Please provide us appellate rights

From: FOIA GROUP [mailto:foia@foia.com] Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 12:37 PM

To: Abul-Hawa, Khalid

Subject: RE: FOIA Request Status

It has already been 3 months??

From: Abul-Hawa, Khalid [mailto:kabulhawa@ustda.gov]

Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 12:17 PM

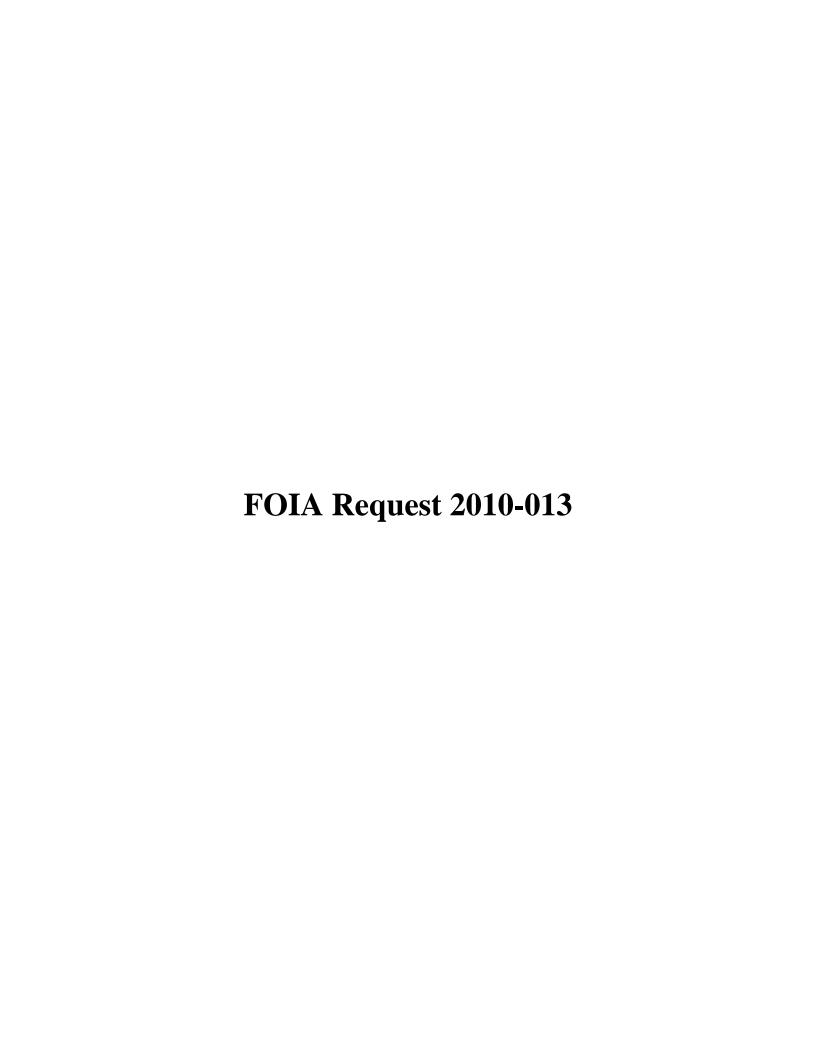
To: FOIA GROUP

Subject: FOIA Request Status

Dear Mr. Stachewicz,

Your FOIA request has been received and is in the process of being reviewed. We will notify you once the review has been completed. Please let me know if there is anything else I can help you with.

Thank you, Khalid Abul-Hawa



From: To: Link, Kendra

Subject:

"Ken Vogel"

Date:

USTDA FOIA Request 2010-013 Friday, June 11, 2010 9:26:27 PM

Attachments:

FOIA Request 2010-013.pdf

Dear Ken,

Please find attached USTDA correspondence regarding your FOIA request to our agency.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmest regards,

Kendra

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U.S. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

June 11, 2010

Mr. Kenneth P. Vogel Senior Staff Writer POLITICO 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Sixth Floor Arlington, VA 22209

By Electronic Mail to: kvogel@politico.com

Re: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request 2010-013

Dear Mr. Vogel:

Thank you for your FOIA request to the U.S. Trade and Development Agency dated June 3, 2010, which we received on June 3, 2010, in which you asked for the following:

- "1 Copies of any and all documents from 2009 or 2010 referencing or related to Andrew Romanoff from the United States Trade and Development Agency's offices of the Director, Administration, and/or Congressional Affairs and Public Relations.
- 2 Copies of any and all correspondence (including emails, notes and letters) sent or received between Jan. 20, 2009 and Nov. 16, 2009 by the above offices that were sent to or received from the Executive Office of the President of the United States related to or referencing the position of Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency.
- 3 Any requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) between Jan 20, 2009 and the present for documents listed in item Nos. 1 and 2 of this request, as well as any responsive documents provided in response to those requests."

Per my June 8, 2010 letter to you, USTDA has already made a determination with respect to disclosure of information requested under Section1 and Section 3.

Your FOIA request, dated June 3, 2010, sought expedited processing as it "concerns a matter of both urgency and of public concern: corroborating or refuting claims made in the campaign for the Aug. 10, 2010 Democratic primary election for U.S. Senate from Colorado, and claims made by the Executive Office of the President of the United States, as well as the character of one of the candidates in the campaign." In this instance, we find that you are a

person primarily engaged in disseminating information and that an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists. Therefore, USTDA has determined to grant your request for expedited processing. In accordance with the FOIA, USTDA will process your request as soon as practicable.

With respect to records requested under Section 2 of your FOIA request, USTDA has completed a reasonable search for the records. As a result of this search, USTDA has located responsive records that either originated outside the agency or contain information that originated outside the agency. As such, USTDA has begun the process of formal consultation with the respective originating entity with respect to those records. All responsive records are subject to this consultation process. Once the consultation process is complete, I will be in a position to provide you a formal determination with respect to disclosure of records requested under Section 2 of your FOIA request.

The undersigned is responsible for the above determination.

Sincerely,

Kendra D. Link

Assistant General Counsel and FOIA Public Liaison

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(E)(iii).

² See FOIA Update, Vol. XII, No. 3 (Referral and Consultation Procedures).

From:

Link, Kendra

To:

"Ken Voge!"

Subject:

USTDA FOIA Request 2010-013 Tuesday, June 08, 2010 7:16:11 PM

Date: Attachments:

FOIA Request 2010-013 - Response - Part I.pdf

Ken,

Please find attached USTDA's initial response to your Freedom of Information Act Request.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmest regards,

Kendra

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U.S. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

June 8, 2010

Mr. Kenneth P. Vogel Senior Staff Writer POLITICO 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Sixth Floor Arlington, VA 22209

By Electronic Mail to: kvogel@politico.com

Re: Part I: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request 2010-013

Dear Mr. Vogel:

Thank you for your FOIA request to the U.S. Trade and Development Agency dated June 3, 2010, which we received on June 3, 2010, in which you asked for the following:

- "1 Copies of any and all documents from 2009 or 2010 referencing or related to Andrew Romanoff from the United States Trade and Development Agency's offices of the Director, Administration, and/or Congressional Affairs and Public Relations.
- 2 Copies of any and all correspondence (including emails, notes and letters) sent or received between Jan. 20, 2009 and Nov. 16, 2009 by the above offices that were sent to or received from the Executive Office of the President of the United States related to or referencing the position of Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency.
- 3 Any requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) between Jan 20, 2009 and the present for documents listed in item Nos. 1 and 2 of this request, as well as any responsive documents provided in response to those requests."

With respect to records requested under Section 1 of your FOIA request, the agency has conducted a reasonable search for the records. USTDA identified 13 pages of records responsive to your request. No other responsive records were found. After reviewing the responsive records, USTDA has made the following determinations as to disclosure of the records:

- USTDA is releasing 11 pages in their entirety.
- USTDA is releasing 2 pages either in whole, or in part. Portions of the records have been withheld pursuant to Exemption 6, as indicated on the redacted record. Exemption 6 protects personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.¹

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). See, Goy't Accountability Project v. U.S. Dep't of State, No. 08-1295, 2010 WL 1222156 (D.D.C. Mar. 29, 2010). ("Exemption 6 requires "a balancing of the individual's right of privacy against the preservation of the basic purpose of the Freedom of Information Act to open agency action to the light of public scrutiny." Dep't of the Air Force v. Rose, 425 U.S. 352, 372, 96 S. Ct. 1592, 48 L. Ed. 2d 11 (1976) (internal quotations marks and citation omitted). "In making that balance, agencies and reviewing courts consider whether disclosure of the requested information would result in an invasion of privacy, and if so, the extent and scriousness of that invasion, as well as the extent to which disclosure would serve the public interest." U.S. Dep't of Def. Dep't of Military Affairs v. Fed. Labor Relations Auth., 964 F.2d 26, 29, 296 U.S. App. D.C. 26 (D.C. Cir. 1992). "[T]he only relevant public interest in the FOIA balancing analysis [is] the extent to which disclosure of the information sought would 'she[d] light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties' or otherwise let citizens know 'what their government is up to." Lepelletier, 164 F.3d at 47 (quoting U.S. Dep't of Def. v. Fed. Labor Relations Auth., 510 U.S. 487, 497, 114 S. Ct.

Mr. Vogel June 8, 2010 Page 2

With respect to records requested under Section 3 of your FOIA request, the agency has conducted a reasonable search for the records. Our search has not generated any records responsive to your request.

With respect to records requested under Section 2 of your FOIA request, USTDA will continue to work diligently to complete our search for responsive records. Once USTDA has completed our search and review process with respect to any responsive records, I will contact you.

Finally, USTDA will provide you with a determination as to whether to grant your request for expedited processing within ten calendar days of receipt of your FOIA request.

Thank you for your inquiry. There is no charge for this search.

Sincerely,

Kendra D. Link

Assistant General Counsel and FOIA Public Liaison

Hardy, Tom

From:

Google Alerts [googlealerts-noreply@google.com] Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:37 PM Rossiter, Diana Google Alert - USTDA

Sent: To:

Subject:

Google News Alert for: USTDA

Text to W.H. email to Romanoff

Politico

USTDA was first created as part of USAID through the Foreign Assistance Act of ... Unlike Ex-Im , OPIC and other international development agencies, USTDA ...

Tip: Use a minus sign (-) in front of terms in your query that you want to exclude.

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Hardy, Tom

From:

Google Alerts [googlealerts-noreply@google.com] Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:32 PM

Sent:

To: Subject: Rossiter, Diana Google Alert - USTDA

Google News Alert for: USTDA

White House Dangled Three Jobs for Colorado Cardidate»

New York Dally News

... USAID; and Director, US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA). Romanoff said in a statement tonight that he was not interested in the hypothetical spots, ...

Tip: Use site restrict in your query to search within a site (site:nytimes.com or site:.edu).

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Hardy, Tom

From:

Google Alerts [googlealerts-noreply@google.com] Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:54 PM

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Subject:

Rossiter, Diana Google Alert - "Trade and Development Agency"

Google News Alert for: "Trade and Development Agency"

Democratic Senate Candidate: White House Floated Possible Jobs If I Chose to ...

ABC News (blog)

"... director of the Office of Democracy and Governance at USAID; and director of the US Trade and Development Agency - he could have if he didn't run, ... See all stories on this topic

Tip: Use quotes ("like this") around a set of words in your query to match them exactly.

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Hardy, Tom

From: Sent: To; Subject: Attachments:

Rossiter, Diana
Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:05 PM
Hardy, Tom
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Agency"

Zak, Leocadia	
From: Zak, Leocadia Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:20 PM To: Hardy, Tom Subject: Fw: Fwd: FW: Romanoff statement Attachments: Messina-Romanoff_Email.pdf	
Chris just called me about this. Will learn more tomorrow.	
From: Joe Grandmaison To: Zak, Leocadia Sent: Wed Jun 02 22:08:25 2010 Subject: Fwd: FW: Romanoff statement	
Interesting reading. Nice when all things work out as they should. Joe	-
From: Martin, Jeremy Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2010 at 8:16 PM Subject: FW: Romanoff statement To: "Joe Grandmaison PEDACTED PERSONAL EMAIL b	soult (b)
Hey Joe, good to see TDA popping up in the political scandal world! See attached.	
Hope all is well. Are you in NH these days?	
All best,	
Jeremy Martin	
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---- Original Message ---From: Roy Teicher <<u>roy@andrewromanoff.com</u>>
To: Roy Teicher <<u>roy@andrewromanoff.com</u>>
Sent: Wed Jun 02 20:06:00 2010

Subject: Romanoff statement

June 2, 2010

Contact: Roy Teicher 720.401.2783 roy@andrewromanoff.com <mailto:roy@andrewromanoff.com>

For immediate release:

Today, U.S. Senate candidate Andrew Romanoff issued the following statement:

I have received a large number of press inquiries concerning the role the White House is reported to have played in my decision to run for the U.S. Senate. I have declined comment because I did not want - and do not want - to politicize this matter.

A great deal of misinformation has filled the void in the meantime. That does not serve the public interest or any useful purpose.

Here are the facts:

In September 2009, shortly after the news media first reported my plans to run for the Senate, I received a call from Jim Messina, the President's deputy chief of staff. Mr. Messina informed me that the White House would support Sen. Bennet. I informed Mr. Messina that I had made my decision to run.

Mr. Messina also suggested three positions that might be available to me were I not pursuing the Senate race. He added that he could not guarantee my appointment to any of these positions. At no time was I promised a job, nor did I request Mr. Messina's assistance in obtaining one.

Later that day, I received an email from Mr. Messina containing descriptions of three positions (email attached). I left him a voicemail informing him that I would not change course.

I have not spoken with Mr. Messina, nor have I discussed this matter with anyone else in the White House, since then.

About Andrew Romanoff:

Elected to four terms in the Colorado legislature, Andrew Romanoff was Speaker of the House from 2005 to 2009. He led the Democrats to their first back-to-back majorities in more than 40 years. His leadership earned national recognition, including Governing magazine's top honor as Public Official of the Year.

Hardy, Tom

From: Sent:

To: Subject:

Hardy, Tom Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:47 PM Chapnick, Michael In Colorado Race, Too, White House Dangled Job - The Caucus Blog - NYTimes.com

And here is the link to Blago...almost like clockwork.

http://thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/06/02/another-candidate-another-job-offer/

Hardy, Tom

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

Hardy, Tom Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:59 PM Wilderotter, James Trade post floated by White House would have paid Romanoff \$163K annual salary | The Dally Caller - Breaking News, Opinion, Research, and Entertainment

If you haven't been watching.

http://dailycaller.com/2010/06/03/trade-post-floated-by-white-house-would-have-paid-romanoff-163k-annual-salary/

Hardy, Tom

From: Sent: To:

Subject:

Hardy, Tom Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:09 PM Wilderotter, James Big donor has job dangled to Romanoff - Jonathan Allen - POLITICO.com

http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0510/38088.html

Zak, Leocadia

From:

Umana, Silvia

Sent:

Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:27 PM

To:

Zak, Leocadia

Subject:

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From: Silvla O. Umana <

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To: Umana, Silvia

Sent: Thu Jun 03 19:26:47 2010

Subject: Fwd: Google Alert - Leocadia Zak

Silvia

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: June 3, 2010 7:01:27 PM EDT

REDUCTED PERSONAL EMAIL 6(6)

Subject: Google Alert - Leocadia Zak

Google News Alert for: Leocadia Zak

Change That We Can Deceive In

Investor's Business Daily

That latter post ended up being filled by Leocadia Zak, who with her husband contributed more than \$10000 to the Obama campaign.

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Zak, Leocadia

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Hardy, Tom Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:38 PM

To:

Zak, Leocadia

Subject:

FW: Google Alert - "Trade and Development Agency"

Here is WSJ.

Google News Alert for: "Trade and Development Agency"

Kim Strassel: Washington Rebels Against Chicago

Wall Street Journal

... the three jobs—posts at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), as well as director of the US Trade and Development agency. ...

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Zak. Leocadia

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Hardy, Tom

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Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:50 PM Zak, Leocadia; Wyant, Chris

To: Subject:

Finally Able to Open WSJ

Washington Rebels Against Chicago

The White House's real mistake was thinking it could practice such tactics as brazenty on the big stage as in the Windy City.

By KIMBERLEY A. STRASSEL

For those wondering what it would look like when the White House's Chicago politics finally hit a Washington wall, the answer is Joe Sestak and Andrew Romanoff. A patronage-politics mentality brought the Obama team to this pass, and a shifty cleanup effort threatens to turn it into a political scandal.

It took the eve of a holiday weekend for the White House to finally offer its version of its dealings with Rep. Sestak. A bland, two-page report explained how Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel had enlisted former President Bill Clinton to offer Mr. Sestak a job on a presidential board in return for bowing out of a primary election against Pennsylvania Sen. Arien Specter.

The report came only after weeks of America's "most open and transparent administration in history" atonewalling about last summer's Sestak job offer. And the report was made public only after the equally transparent Department of Justice declined to name a special counsel to investigate.

But never mind all that, said White House Counsel Robert Bauer, the report's author. The Sestak discussions were "fully consistent with the relevant law and ethical requirements." Trust him. He's a lawyer.

Last September the Denver Post ran a story in which unnamed sources claimed Mr. Emanuel's deputy, Jim Messina, had floated jobs by Andrew Romanoff, to discourage a primary challenge against Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet. The White House denied it. The Denver Post's editorial page now says it last year asked Mr. Romanoff about the offer, and he too "unequivocally" denied it.

Mr. Romanoff was equally unequivocal this week when he cracked under pressure to say the exact opposite. He admitted Mr. Messina had Indeed "suggested three positions that might be available to me were I not pursuing the Senate race." He even released a Messina small that detailed the three jobs—posts at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), as well as director of the U.S. Trade and Development agency.

This inspired the White House yesterday to issue an extraordinary statement claiming Mr. Messina had simply been following up on interest Mr. Romanoff had once expressed in USAID. Yes, the Senate race came up, but there was "no offer of a job." No answer as to why Mr. Messina, calling about USAID, felt compelled to email a description of a position at U.S. Trade and Davelopment.

Political jobs-for-favors are, of course, as old as politics itself. The White House's real mistake was thinking it could practice such tectics as brazenly on the big stage as in the Windy City.

No phrase is more feared in Washington than "quid pro quo," and Beltway politicians carefully avoid any hint of it. There are winks and nods, yes. But you'd have to be crazy to put something in an email. Crazy, or from Chicago, where it is simply understood that the political machine decides elections and hands out consolation prizes accordingly.

The White House's other mistake was thinking Washington pols would follow Chicago rules. It is one thing to make deals with the local ward boss, who knows his livelihood depends on keeping his mouth shut. It is another to make offers to a Pennsylvania congressman who is angry that you are fighting him in the primary, and who views the U.S. Senate as way cooler than an advisory board. Mr. Sestak viewed it in his Interest to blab, and he did. And he won.

The White House's initial refusal to talk only fed the story. And Mr. Bauer's too-late, too-clever Sestak memo has created new problems. According to this counsel, the Sestak talk was aboveboard because it wasn't the White House, but Bill Clinton, doing it. Moreover, Mr. Sestak had simply been offered an "uncompensated" board position that was "additional service" to his current House job. By this reasoning, it is presumably not aboveboard when it was Mr. Messina talking to Mr. Romanoff, offering him a compensated, full-time job.

Legal experts note it would be difficult to bring charges under the criminal statute that makes it illegal to offer a federal position in exchange for political activity. That requires solid proof of a quid pro quo, always a tough standard. Yet as Scott Coffina, associate counsel to George W. Bush, has noted, the White House may have blundered into a separate charge.

"The Hatch Act," writes Mr. Coffina in National Review Online, "makes it illegal for a federal employee to use his official position or authority to interfere with or affect the result of an election." He notes that among Mr. Bauer's justifications for the Sestak talk was that Democrate had a "legitimate interest" in avoiding a primary. "Advancing the interests of a political party is not a 'legitimate' use of one's official government position," says Mr. Coffina, yet Mr. Bauer is on record saying that was the goal.

Let it be noted that every scrap of information that has come out in this affair has been gleaned by a dogged press corps. Congressional Democrats—they of Bush-investigatory fame—have refused to open any inquiry into the Issue. Yet the White House's actions throughout have guaranteed the questions will keep coming. It isn't clear there are any good Chicago tactics to fix this one.

Thomas R. Hardy Director, Congressional Affairs and Public Relations U.S. Trade and Development Agency

From:

<u>Ken Vogel</u>

To:

Link, Kendra

Subject:

thanks for your call this a.m.

Date:

Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:28:32 AM

I am back at my desk (703.647.7985) for 20 minutes, then should be here for the rest of the day after about 1 pm.

Kenneth P. Vogel POLITICO 703.647.7985 www.politico.com

From:

Ken Vogel

To: Subject: Link, Kendra

Date:

RE: USTDA FOIA Request 2010-013 Tuesday, June 08, 2010 7:20:52 PM

Thanks!

Not much here – you guys must be very careful over there!

From: Link, Kendra [mailto:klink@ustda.gov] Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 7:16 PM

To: Ken Vogel

Subject: USTDA FOIA Request 2010-013

Ken,

Please find attached USTDA's initial response to your Freedom of Information Act Request.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmest regards,

Kendra

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From:

Link, Kendra

To: Subject: "Ken Vogel"

Date:

RE: thanks for your call this a.m. Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:46:29 AM

Ken, I just left you a voice message. I would be happy to touch base after 1pm.

Thanks, Kendra

From: Ken Vogel [mailto:kvogel@politico.com] Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:29 AM

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From:

Ken Vogel

Subject:

Link, Kendra RE: USTDA FOIA Request 2010-013

Date:

Monday, June 07, 2010 8:54:38 PM

great, thanks very much, kendra

Kenneth P. Vogel

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From: Link, Kendra [mailto:klink@ustda.gov]

Sent: Mon 6/7/2010 8:33 PM

To: Ken Vogel

Subject: RE: USTDA FOIA Request 2010-013

Ken,

As I indicated in my previous email that I anticipated providing you a response with respect to sections 1 and 3 of your FOIA request by c.o.b. today, I wanted to send you a quick email to follow-up. I have one quick matter to confirm with you with respect to your FOIA request that would facilitate me providing documents to you. I will follow-up via phone first thing in the morning and hopefully will be able to provide you a response to 1 and 3 almost immediately after our call.

Looking forward to speaking with you in the morning.

Warmest regards, Kendra

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Link, Kendra

From:

Link, Kendra

Sent:

Monday, June 07, 2010 8:34 PM

To:

'Ken Vogel'

Subject:

RE: USTDA FOIA Request 2010-013

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From: Ken Vogel [mailto:kvogel@politico.com]

Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:00 PM

To: Link, Kendra

Subject: RE: USTDA FOIA Request 2010-013

Thanks very much for your responsiveness and for taking the time to talk through the request.

From: Link, Kendra [mailto:klink@ustda.gov]

Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 6:56 PM

To: Ken Vogel

Subject: USTDA FOIA Request 2010-013

Ken,

Thanks for taking the time to discuss your FOIA request earlier today over the phone. As discussed, I am confirming that it is not necessary for you to provide USTDA a signed hard copy of the FOIA request. USTDA has logged it in as a proper FOIA request received by the agency on June 3, 2010. Also, USTDA does not charge a fee for processing FOIA requests, and therefore, you will not be charged any fees associated with searching, copying, or otherwise processing the request.

As a follow-up, I anticipate providing you a formal response by close of business on Monday with respect to the documents requested under sections 1 and 3 of your June 3, 2010 FOIA request. With respect to section 2, we will work diligently to complete our search for responsive documents. Once USTDA has completed our search and review process with respect to any responsive documents, I will be in touch.

Thank you for your FOIA request and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmest regards, Kendra

FOIA REQUEST 2010-013

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From: Ken Vogel [mailto:kvogel@politico.com]

Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:34 AM **To:** Link, Kendra; Zak, Leocadia

Subject: Re: POLITICO FOIA request re: Romanoff job offer

Thanks, Kendra. Do you want me to drop off a signed hard copy of the request today or is the version I emailed last night adequate?

From: Link, Kendra

To: Ken Vogel; Zak, Leocadia Sent: Fri Jun 04 10:14:22 2010

Subject: RE: POLITICO FOIA request re: Romanoff job offer

Dear Mr. Vogel,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the U.S. Trade and Development Agency ("USTDA"). Your FOIA request has been assigned USTDA FOIA Number 2010-013. Please use this number when referencing your FOIA request with our agency.

I will contact you via phone later this morning to discuss in further detail the documents you are requesting so that USTDA may adequately and expeditiously respond to your request.

Thank you for your FOIA request.

Warmest regards,

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From: Ken Vogel [mailto:kvogel@politico.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:35 PM

To: Zak, Leocadia; Link, Kendra

Subject: POLITICO FOIA request re: Romanoff job offer

Hey Leocadia and Kendra:

I'm pasting into the text of this message and also attaching as a Microsoft Word document a FOIA request for records related to the Romanoff job offer. I know you require FOIA requests to have a signature, so I'd like to hand deliver mine tomorrow, if possible (we're in the next tower over: 1100 Wilson Blvd), though I'm also happy to fax it, if you prefer. Either way, please let me know — and also let me know if there's anything I can do to make the request easier for you to fill.

Thanks, Ken

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June 3, 2010

Leocadia I. Zak, Director U.S. Trade and Development Agency 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1600 Arlington, VA 22209-3901

Re:

Freedom of Information Act request Expedited processing requested Fee waiver requested Fee Fee benefit requested

Dear Ms. Zak:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), I request that a copy of the following documents be provided to me:

- 1 Copies of any and all documents from 2009 or 2010 referencing or related to Andrew Romanoff from the United States Trade and Development Agency's offices of the Director, Administration, and/or Congressional Affairs and Public Relations.
- 2 Copies of any and all correspondence (including emails, notes and letters) sent or received between Jan. 20, 2009 and Nov. 16, 2009 by the above offices that were sent to or received from the Executive Office of the President of the United States related to or referencing the position of Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency.
- 3 Any requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) between Jan 20, 2009 and the present for documents listed in item Nos. 1 and 2 of this request, as well as any responsive documents provided in response to those requests.

I am a reporter for POLITICO – a newspaper that publishes five days per week and maintains a news website updated 24 hours a day, seven days a week – and this request is made as part of its news gathering and

dissemination mission. I request expedited processing of this request because it concerns a matter of both urgency and of public concern: corroborating or refuting claims made in the campaign for the Aug. 10, 2010 Democratic primary election for U.S. Senate from Colorado, and claims made by the Executive Office of the President of the United States, as well as the character of one of the candidates in the campaign. As such, the newsgathering for which I am seeking the documents relates directly to public trust in government. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited review are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I also request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to the public's understanding of government activities and issues of significant voter interest and concern regarding the candidacy of Andrew Romanoff.

If you deny my request for a fee waiver, 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. Note that as a member of the news media, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I expect you to justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions under FOIA. I expect all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material to be released.

Nevertheless, I urge you to provide full and complete disclosure. I make special note of President Barack Obama's January 21, 2009 FOIA Memorandum in which he instructed all executive departments and agencies that FOIA "be administered with a clear presumption: In the face of doubt, openness prevails." In that same memorandum President Obama also stated that "agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure" and "not keep information confidential merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears."

President Obama's directive is further supported in Attorney General Holder's March 19, 2009 FOIA memorandum which reinforces this presumption of openness. Among other things, Attorney General Holder "strongly" encouraged agencies to make discretionary releases and further stated that an agency "should not withhold information simply because it may do so legally."

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make this request easier or faster to process. 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 (703.647.7985) or email (<u>kvogel@politico.com</u>) if you have questions regarding this request.

If my request for expedited review is denied, I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as is required by law.

Of course I reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information or to deny my request for a fee waiver.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Kaitlynn Connelly of Input (Deltek, Inc.)	10/13/05	Documents regarding all contracts awarded under Solicitation #0480033A, the E-Government Implementation Plan and Taxation Pilot in Uzbekistan.	2006-001	12/02/05	No.	N/A.
Kaitlynn Connelly of Input (Deltek, Inc.)	10/13/05	Documents regarding all contracts awarded under Solicitation #0470048A, the Port Security Technical Assistance Project.	2006-002	02/01/05	Yes.	N/A.
Kaitlynn Connelly of Input (Deltek, Inc.)	10/13/05	Documents regarding all contracts awarded under Solicitation #0470033A, Poland MPEC Wroclaw Telecom Network Expansion Project.	2006-003	02/01/05	Yes.	N/A.
Kaitlynn Connelly of Input (Deltek, Inc.)	10/13/05	Documents regarding all contracts awarded under Solicitation #0470042, the Integrated Climatology Computation and Training Center Project.	2006-004	02/01/05	Yes.	N/A.
Alex Groff of Input (Deltek, Inc.)	10/18/05	Documents regarding the contract(s) awarded under Solicitation #0310005B, the Asia GPS Demonstration Test Beds Feasibility Study.	2006-005	12/02/05	No.	N/A.
Lynne Skelley of Federal Sources, Inc.	10/18/05	Documents related to Solicitation #041-42, Kenya Integrated Tax System Technical Assistance Program. Specifically, a clearly releasable copy of the basic contract including the statement of work.	2006-006	12/02/05	No.	N/A.
David Glasgal of 7ate9 Entertainment Inc.	10/31/05	Documents on Daniel Keth Ludwig, the late shipping tycoon. Company also names Universe Tankships and National Bulk Carriers.	2006-007	07/14/06	No.	N/A.
Lynne Skelley of Federal Sources, Inc.	11/7/05	Releasable copy of the basic contract including the statement of work for the Kenyatta National Hospital Resource Management and Infrastructure Technical Assistance Program (#0310011B).	2006-008	11/08/05	No.	N/A.
Keith Yearman of College of DuPage	11/10/05	Reports/studies concerning petroleum in Somalia.	2006-009	06/30/06	No.	N/A.

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Mathew B. Tully	11/10/06	Claims forms submitted to USTDA pursuant to an OPM compensation memorandum authorizing the agency to make payments of government funds to settle claims by countless Americans.	2006-010	12/12/06	No.	N/A.
Sheryl Bauer-Shewman of Corporate Sourcing Inc.	11/10/05	Information about Jebao Electrical Applicances Co. Ltd. In China.	2006-011	06/30/06	No.	N/A.
Paul Hashim of U.S. Claims Services	12/20/05	List of undeliverable assets and/or uncashed checks being held by USTDA.	2006-012	01/20/06	No.	N/A.
Referral from State Department - Pulack Ghatack	1/24/05	Records on US-Bangladesh relationship, US stand on Bangladesh issues, US-Bangladesh trade and business and US assistance to Bangladesh.	2006-013	02/07/06	Yes.	N/A.
Sam V. Wright	2/2/06	Numerous records regarding the history, programs and publications of USTDA.	2006-014	06/29/06	Yes.	N/A.
Lynn Skelley of Federal Sources, Inc.	11/7/05	Contract from solicitation #0350032 for the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) program for Latin America.	2006-015	05/02/06	Yes.	N/A.
Brad Von Grote of Von Grote Financial & Insurance Services Inc.	4/3/06	A list of subject personnel assigned to and/or employed at the Western Pacific Region (LA, Orange and Riverside Counties).	2006-016	06/30/06	No.	N/A.
Laurence Leamer	4/24/06	All documents relating to Edmond Safra, a banker.	2006-017	07/06/06	No.	N/A.
Laura Morgan of Open Minds Inc.	4/28/06	RFP No. USTDA-06-Q-41-041 "Federal Government Seeks Technical Proposals for Disaster Recovery Services, due date 22-Dec-05."	2006-018	06/29/07	Yes.	N/A.
James L. Standfield of Veteran's Office Products Inc.	5/30/06	A list of Impac Cardholders/Purchase Cardholders.	2006-019	08/14/06	Yes.	N/A.
Mervin G. Rhodes	6/26/06	Publications or information for the Trade Directories of Africa and the Middle East, Central, Eastern and Southern Europe.	2006-020	06/29/06	No.	N/A.

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Marina V. Bogorad of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom	6/28/06	Documents relating to USTDA's grant with SOLIDERE signed 3/7/03, and documents relating to USTDA's training grant with SOLIDERE in 1998 in connection with SOLIDERE's award of a contract to Radian International LLC.	2006-021	08/10/07	No.	N/A.
Alison Wesley of Nelson-Brown Equities, Inc.	7/31/06	Limited Payability Cancelation Reports for refunds and credits for the undeliverable checks for the period of 1/1/2004 to the most current available.	2006-022	08/14/06	No.	N/A.
Michael Person of Input (Deltek, Inc.)	8/4/06	Contracts awarded under #05-11021B, the Namibia Port Development and Expansion Technical Assistance. Specifically, the awarded contract, all related attachments and exhibits, all task/delivery/purchase orders, list of proposal submitters.	2006-023	08/10/07	Yes.	N/A.

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Tiffany D. Maul of Data Security, Inc.	10/2/06	The releasable portions of USTDA's telephone directory and organizational chart.	2007-001	10/19/06	Yes.	N/A.
Bill Adair of the St. Petersburg Times	10/23/06	Copies of all correspondence between USTDA and Rep. Corrine Brown involving the Itera energy corporation since 1995.	2007-002	07/26/07	Yes.	N/A.
Michael Tuffly of ERIA Consultants, LLC	10/25/06	Documents regarding the Feasibility Study for the National Forestry Cadastre Project in Romania.	2007-003	07/19/07	No.	N/A.
Michael Ravnitzky	11/7/06	Each Interagency Agreement between the USTDA and the Library of Congress Federal Research Division, from January 1, 2000 to the present.	2007-004	01/26/07	No.	N/A.
W.S. Williams of Business Decisions Information, Inc.	11/20/06	Information on how many EEO investigations were requested from USTDA contractors from 01/01/2005 to 10/30/2006.	2007-005	01/26/07	No.	N/A.
Raj Sandeep of Eumotif Inc.	11/28/06	A list of I.M.P.A.C. Credit Cardholder and contracting officers list for USTDA.	2007-006	01/26/07	Yes.	N/A.
Henry Hayes	12/1/06	A copy of a USTDA model Feasibility Study, a copy of a USTDA model Desk Study, and USTDA's Annual Report with feasibility and desk studies of the year.	2007-007	01/26/07	Yes.	N/A.
Carl Plavidal	1/26/06	Information on all USTDA programs.	2007-008	01/26/07	Yes.	N/A.
Calvin S. Monson of NERA Economic Consulting Inc.	1/30/06	Copy fo the grant agreements with (i) the Peruvian Ministry of Transportation and Communications and (ii) the Supervisory Authority for Private Investment in Telecommunications.	2007-009	01/26/07	Yes.	N/A.

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Brian J. Green of Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP	1/17/07	Records containing information regarding corruption, crime or illicit activities conducted by the North Korean Government or entities related to the North Korean Government from January 1, 2000 to present.	2007-010	07/10/07	No.	N/A.
Sharon Theimer of the Associated Press	1/25/07	Index of correspondence between USTDA and a list of U.S. Governors, Representatives and Senators for the period between January 2002 until the present.	2007-011	10/04/07	Yes.	N/A.
Michael Person of Input (Deltek, Inc.)	2/28/07	A copy of contract #05-11021B regarding the Namibia Port Development and Expansion Technocal Assistance, including awarded contract, related attachments and exhibits, task/delivery/purchase order and a list of proposal submitters.	2007-012	08/10/07	Yes.	N/A.
Michael Snider, Snider and Associates, LLC	3/16/07	An electronic list of all bargaining unit employees, position description for each employee, contact information, grievances filed by unions as well as any lawsuits.	2007-013	07/10/07	No.	N/A.
Anupama Narayanswamy of the Sunlight Foundation	4/3/07	Logs of correspondence between members of Congress and USTDA for the period of January 2, 2007 to February 28, 2007.	2007-014A	07/26/07	Yes.	N/A.
Anupama Narayanswamy of the Sunlight Foundation	5/16/07	Logs of correspondence between members of Congress and USTDA for the period of March 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007.	2007-014B	07/26/07	Yes.	N/A.
James Langley of Stone & Webster Management Consultants, Inc.	5/30/07	Documents relating to contract #05-Q-51-171 with Ecopetrol.	2007-015	12/31/07	Yes.	N/A.

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Kevin Bogardus of The Hill Newspaper	6/7/07	Documents in reference to the indictment of Representative Wiliam Jefferson (D-La.) pursuant to United States of America v. William J. Jefferson.	2007-016	12/31/07	Yes.	N/A.
David Schnitzer of the Democratic National Committee	6/8/07	Any and all records of communication (including but not limited to letters, written requests, reports, telephone records, electronic communication) between your agency and Fred D. Thompson or his offices/staff, from 1994-2002, during which period he was a United States Senator and any and all FOIA requests filed with your agency since January 1, 2001 dealing with Fred Thompson.	2007-017	10/04/07	Yes.	N/A.
Bryan Atkins of Austin-Tetra, Inc.	6/11/07	Copies of all Service Task Orders/Statements of Work for FY 2005-2007 issued to Dun & Bradstreet	2007-018	07/20/07	No.	N/A.
Rachel Willis of Structure Wise, Inc.	6/14/07	The cardholders names, email addresses and names of employees who have obtained federally issued VISA SmartPay purchase cards.	2007-019	07/20/07	Yes.	N/A.
Rajitha Uppalli of FedSources, Inc.	7/6/07	All clearly releasable copy of the basic contract, including statement of work, for Contract # USTDA-06-C-91-007 - Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC) for Conferences, Workshops, OVS, Training and Other Visits.	2007-020	12/11/07	Yes.	N/A.

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Faith Connelly	7/24/07	Information on the racial breakdown for each type of background check completed for the most recent consecutive five-year period available for current or tenured federal employees and contractors.	2007-021	07/31/07	No.	N/A.
Michael Tuffly of ERIA Consultants, LLC	7/27/07	Progress reports and contract extension documents regarding the Feasibility Study for the National Forestry Cadastre Project in Romania.	2007-022	12/31/07	Yes.	N/A.
Anupama Narayanswamy of the Sunlight Foundation	9/11/07	Logs of correspondence between members of Congress and USTDA for the period of July 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007.	2007-023	10/09/07	No.	N/A.
Catherine Nielsen of the National Security Archive	9/28/07	All documents related to (i) the implementation of Executive Order 13392 and (ii) the implementation of USTDA's FOIA Improvement Plan and meeting of any milestones/goals for the improvement of USTDA's activies as set out in plan.	2007-024	12/31/07	Yes.	N/A.

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Jennifer Deutschendorf of Input (Deltek, Inc.)	10/10/07	Documents regarding contract #0621029B for the Egypt Railway Traffic Management System, including the awarded contract, all related attachments and exhibits, all task/delivery/purchase orders, and a list of proposal submitters.	2008-001	12/10/07	Yes.	N/A.
Robert L. Arvidson	10/10/07	Patents submitted by Church and Dwight Company, Inc. to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding certain toothpaste patents.	2008-002	10/11/07	No.	N/A.
Michale Ravnitsky	10/20/07	An electronic list of the FOIA Case Logs for the USTDA for the time period from FY2004 to the present.	2008-003	12/31/07	Yes.	N/A.
State Department referral for concurrence in release regarding request by Keith Yearman of the College of DuPage	12/26/07	Information regarding cables and reports concerning the textile industry in Lesotho, particularly regarding the anticipated impact of the removal of textitle quotas.	2008-004	01/04/08	Yes.	N/A.
Anupama Narayanswamy of the Sunlight Foundation	12/26/07	Logs of correspondence between members of Congress and USTDA from September 1, 2007 until November 30, 2007, including the date of response to each letter.	2008-005	01/30/08	Yes.	N/A.
Lynne Skelley of FedSources, Inc.	1/31/08	All clearly releaseable portions of the awarded contract, including the statement of work, regarding contract #USTDA07Q1074.	2008-006	02/01/08	Yes.	N/A.

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Lynne Skelley of FedSources, Inc.	1/31/08	All clearly releaseable portions of the awarded contract, including the statement of work, regarding contract #0410042A for the Kenya Integrated Tax System Technical Assistance Program.	2008-007	02/20/08	Yes.	N/A.
Department of Commerce referral for direct response to request by Joyce Battle of the National Security Archive	2/5/08	Information for the period of June 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 regarding President Bush's request that the Department of Commerce expand its participation in Iraq reconstruction, and interagency discussions of the Iraq food rations policy.	2008-008	02/06/08	Yes.	N/A.
Alicia McClintock of the Democratic National Committee	2/5/08	Any and all records of communications between USTDA and John McCain or his offices/staff, from 1999 until the present, and logs of FOIA requests filed with USTDA since January 1, 2005.	2008-009	02/20/08	Yes.	N/A.
Michalel Frandsen	2/26/08	Information on how many times, and during which years, USTDA has hired employees using the Schedule A certification hiring authority for people with disabilities.	2008-010	03/20/08	No.	N/A.
Anupama Narayanswamy of the Sunlight Foundation	3/5/08	Logs of correspondence between members of Congress and USTDA from February 1, 2008 until February 29, 2008, including date of response to each letter.	2008-011	04/02/08	Yes.	N/A.
Daniel L. Cole of Judy Diamond Associates Inc.	3/28/08	A database of all electronic records your agency maintains which include the Federal Employer Identification Number.	2008-012	09/17/08	No.	N/A.

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Thomas A. Kerr	2/26/08	Information on the name, department or bureau, address, telephone and email address for all holder of purchase or procurement cards within USTDA.	2008-013	04/02/08	Yes.	N/A.
Anupama Narayanswamy of the Sunlight Foundation	4/8/08	Logs of correspondence between members of Congress and USTDA from March 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008, including the date of response to each letter.	2008-014	09/17/08	Yes.	N/A.
Kate S. Keane of Perkins Coie LLP	5/1/08	Any records (including correspondence) related to former Virginia Governor Mark Warner.	2008-015	08/11/08	No.	N/A.
Nathan McCarroll	5/6/08	Any and all communications between U.S. Representative Kenny Hulshof of Missouri and/or his staff and USTDA from January 1, 1997 to the present.	2008-016	08/12/08	Yes.	N/A.
Anupama Narayanswamy of the Sunlight Foundation	6/3/08	Logs of correspondence between members of Congress and USTDA from April 1, 2008 until April 30, 2008, including logs of all replies.	2008-017	09/17/08	Yes.	N/A.
Ronald K. Weeks	7/11/08	Federal civilian data file for the Metropolitan Statistical Area of Atlanta, Georgia.	2008-018	08/11/08	No.	N/A.
Thomas L. Anderson	7/11/08	Information on Thomas L. Anderson.	2008-019	08/12/08	No.	N/A.
Nick Jacobs of A&V, Inc.	7/21/08	An accounting of all USTDA uncashed checks which have been outstanding for six months or more.	2008-020	08/11/08	No.	N/A.
Anupama Narayanswamy of the Sunlight Foundation	7/21/08	Logs of correspondence between members of Congress and USTDA from June 1, 2008 until June 30, 2008, including date of response to each letter.	2008-021	09/17/08	Yes.	N/A.

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Michael Ravnitzky	8/28/08	List(s) of periodic employee coloquia, brown bag lunch talks, and employee seminar discussions held at USTDA in 2006, 2007 and 2008.	2008-022	09/17/08	Yes.	N/A.
Anna Dick of Dewey Publications, Inc.	8/29/08	The name, title, mailing address (including suite and room numbers or office identification), facsimile number, and e-mail address for each USTDA employee.	2008-023	09/17/08	Yes.	N/A.
Amna Nawaz of NBC News Washington		All documents pertaining to Governor Sarah Palin (R-AK), including any electronic materials and correspondence that may have occurred between Governor Palin and USTDA officials, beginning from December 1, 2006 until the present.	2008-024	09/30/08	No.	N/A.

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Catherine Lyerly of Input (Deltek, Inc.)	10/8/08	A copy of USTDA contract #200711021A regarding the Burkina Faso National ICT Backbone Network Feasibility Study.	2009-001	05/15/09	No.	N/A.
Osvaldo Ojito of Ojito and Associates, Inc.	12/17/08	A copy of the RFP response and contract for contract #SLPS08-51009A regarding the Mexico-San Luis Potosí International Airport Runway Expansion and Modernization Feasibility Study.	2009-002	05/08/09	Yes.	N/A.
Kelvin Kapteyn of Kelvin Technologies, LLC	12/29/08	Copies of winning proposals for Colombia Civil Aviation Renewable Energy, Haiti Electricity Generation Transmission and Distribution, Indonesia Biodiesel Processing and Energy Production, and City of Nis Gas Fueled Combined Heat Power Plant.	2009-003	03/16/10	No.	N/A.
Matthew J. Giese	1/9/09	Winning proposal for USTDA solicitation #RFQ-CO2009310006.	2009-004	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Edward Lucas of The Economist Newspaper	2/26/08	Internal memos regarding Gennady Timchenko.	2009-005	09/29/09	No.	N/A.
Elliott Brand of USA Marketing Inc.	3/12/09	Access to or copies of all the current promotional marketing (NAICS codes: 541890, 453220) point of contact buyers for USTDA.	2009-006	09/18/09	Yes.	N/A.
Barbara Elias of the National Security Archive	3/18/09	Documents related to the negotiations between India and Pakistan regarding a peaceful settlement in the region of Kashmir.	2009-007	09/29/09	No.	N/A.

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Joe Goldberg of American Federation of Government Employees		A list of civilian employees of USTDA who are exempt from the Fair Labor Standard Act and other federal labor statutes.	2009-008 09/18/09		No.	N/A.
Monica Jones of Input (Deltek, Inc.)		Clearly releasable portions of documents regarding contract awarded to Burgess & NIPLE Inc. under solicitation #0731024B, the Meteorological and Hydrological Telecommunications System Upgrade Feasibility Study.	2009-009	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Paul Virtue of Hogan and Hartson LLP	4/1/09	Records regarding a molasses plant in Kisumu, Kenya, the Turkwell Gorge Hydro-Electric Dam Project, the Kenya Times Media Trust Complex Project, the Yaya Centre, as well as other projects.	2009-010	12/22/10	No.	N/A.
Greg Muttitt	4/15/09	Documents relating to the agenda, itinerary and participants of the Iraqi Oil Training Program.	2009-011	2009-011 01/12/10		N/A.
Nicholas Howie	6/20/NG	Communications between USTDA and Robert F. McDonnell or his offices for the period of March 1989 until March 2009.	2009-012 09/29/09		No.	N/A.
Robert Woods	6/1/09	Copies of each winning proposal and report associated with several USTDA definitional mission awards.	2009-013	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Susan Casey of Service Employees International Union	6/2/09	Copies of contracts between USTDA and certain security contractors in DC, VA and MD; and collective bargaining agreements between USTDA and unions representing security personnel and security contractors.	2009-014	09/18/09	No.	N/A.

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Jessica Upchurch of GSA Print Depot, Inc.	6/24/09	A list of holders of Government Purchase Cards.	2009-015	09/18/09	Yes.	N/A.
Jay Cohen of Benjamin Office Supply & Services Inc.	7/20/09	A list of USTDA-related credit card holders in the DC metro area.	2009-016	09/18/09	Yes.	N/A.
Michael Ravnitzky	7/20/09	The most costly international airline ticket purchased by the USTDA duing the last USTDA fiscal year (since October 1, 2008).	2009-017	09/30/10	Yes.	N/A.
Richard Waterman of University of Kentucky	8/10/09	Resumes for Schedule C employees, Special Executive Service and Senate-confirmed presidential appointees.	2009-018	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Sally S. Pfabe of BrightKey, Inc.	8/24/09	Pricing schedules and Statement of Work for Contract # TDA-SA2009410037 with Ruchman Associates.	2009-019	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Margaret Grafeld of the State Department	8/30/09	Documents relating to the US-India Agricultural Knowledge Initiative.	2009-020	09/18/09	Yes.	N/A.
Yvette Chin of the National Security Archive	9/15/09	All records concerning the implementation of the January 21, 2009 Executive Order on FOIA and/or the March 19, 2009 Attorney General's memorandum on on FOIA.	2009-021	09/18/09	No.	N/A.

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Ben Fox, Caribbean News Editor for the Associated Press	10/29/09	All records not specifically marked as confidential submitted to USTDA to support grant applications by any and all of the following individuals and entities: Dennis Dolan Crook, International Renewable Energy LLC, Interex LCC, Interbanx LLC and Interex Global, LLC.	2010-001	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
C.C. Onyemelukwe	11/23/09	Request regarding reference to emails dated May 18, 2009 and April 6, 2009 in reference to the Nigerian gas sector and application from the requestor's company for a USTDA grant.	2010-002	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Greg Muttitt	11/30/09	Documents relating to the USTDA-sponsored Iraq Energy Roundtable, held in Washington, DC, on June 7, 2006.	2010-003	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Kevin McKeon	12/7/09	Correspondence between USTDA and former U.S. Representatives Charlies Bass, Mike Fitzpatrick, Steve Chabot and Steve Pearce.	2010-004	02/08/11	Yes.	N/A.
Richard L. Mitchell of RLM International, Ltd.	12/11/09	Documents regarding Richard L. Mitchell.	2010-005	12/22/10	No.	N/A.
Benjamin Scott Sands	1/22/10	All documents in all agency files relating to Benjamin Scott Sands.	2010-006	03/22/10	No.	
Jim McElhatton of The Washington Times	2/16/10	USTDA-specific reports prepared by the transition team during the approximate time period November 2008 to January 2009.	2010-007	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.

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David Barr	2/23/10	Any and all records of communication between USTDA and Mitchell Daniels, Piyush Jindal, Sarah Palin, Timothy Pawlenty, John Thune, Michael Huckabee and Willard Romney.	2010-008	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Abigail Madoff	3/3/10	Records of all employees at USTDA who are currently in the Senior Executive Service along with their work contact information.	2010-009	04/02/10	Yes.	N/A.
Jeff Stachewicz of FOIA Group Inc.	4/21/10	The following records identified to USTDA contract # USTDA05C41312: a copy of the contract and any modifications and task orders.	2010-010	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Atilla Galamb	5/5/10	Releasable electronic list of all Government purchase card holders in USTDA.	2010-011	09/29/10	Yes.	N/A.
Alexander Schultz	5/17/10	A calculation of interest on back pay paid to federal employees under the Back Pay Act.	2010-012	09/29/10	No.	N/A.
Kenneth P. Vogel of Politico	6/7/10	Copies of any and all documents from 2009 or 2010 referencing or related to Andrew Romanoff as proposed Director of USTDA.	2010-013	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Lee Brown of Hillcrest Management Group	6/7/10	Winning proposal, bid tabulation sheet, documents related to final decision, and the awarded contract of 10 USTDA separate contracts.	2010-014	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.

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Erin Rosa	7/6/10	Information relating to the Haiti Generation, Transmission and Distribution Technical Assistance, and the results of assessment conducted by Power Engineers Inc. under contract TDA-CO2010510005, along with the contract.	2010-015	09/29/10	Yes.	N/A.
Richard W. Waterman of the University of Kentucky	7/23/10	Resumes of all persons appointed to a Schedule C position, all persons employed by USTDA as non-career members of the Special Executive Service, all persons employed as Senate-confirmed presidential appointment from January 2001 to July 2010.	2010-016	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Michael Ravnitzky	8/5/10	A copy of each Ethics Waiver provided at USTDA since January 1, 2001.	2010-017	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Tim Kennedy	8/13/10	All FOIA request documents submitted to USTDA in 2009.	2010-018	09/30/10	Yes.	N/A.
Jason Smathers	9/9/10	A copy of all FOIA requests including all corresponding internal and external communication, investigative records, and any other resulting record where the request aroused suspicion of the requestor.	2010-019	09/13/10	No.	N/A.
Tara Van Vleet of Van Vleet Associates Inc.	9/14/10	A copy of the 200S IQC Contractor Solicitation form and the recommended response format.	2010-020	09/29/10	Yes.	N/A.
Michael Ravnitzky	9/21/10	A copy of the USTDA Ethics Program Review issued on May 13, 2008.	2010-021	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.

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Nate Jones of the National Security Archive	10/8/10	All documents related to the several specific steps that White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and White House Counsel Bob Bauer instructed USTDA to take in a March 16, 2010 memo to all agency and department heads.	2011-001	12/22/10	No.	N/A.
Catherine De Peuter of Futron Corporation	10/12/10	Please send me the information with regards to: USTDA-10-Q-91-888 (Proposed Solicitation Number), or FAC Number 2005-43 (Federal Acquisition).	2011-002	11/05/10	Yes.	N/A.
David Barr	10/22/10	Any and all records of communication between USTDA and the following individuals: Newton Leroy Gingrich and Haley Reeves Barbour.	2011-003	11/15/10	Yes.	N/A.
Frank Bass of Bloomberg News	11/15/10	Copies of correspondence to USTDA sent between January 1, 2010 and the present from the following U.S. Representatives: John Boehner, Eric Cantor, Jeb Hensarling, Paul Ryan, Spencer Bachus, Michele Bachman, Dave Camp and Darrell Issa.	2011-004	Request is open.	N/A.	N/A.
Jill Mahnke of Thomson Reuters	12/27/10	Copies of any contract between USTDA and Lexis/Nexis or other online legal research or information services.	2011-005	01/05/11	Yes.	N/A.