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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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Re: FOIA-2009-00329

FOIA 2009-00197 Pages 1-6

This is in response to your request dated December 13, 2008, under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to requesting "a copy of pages 1 through 6 of the same document for which portions of pages 6 and 7 were released in response to FOIA 2009-00197." In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records, as of December 15, 2008, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

We have located seven pages of responsive records, I am granting partial access to and am enclosing copies of, the accessible records. Portions of each of these pages fall within the exemptions to the FOIA's mandatory disclosure requirements, as explained below.

Some of the records were obtained on the condition that the agency keep the source of the information confidential and are exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 7(D), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D). That exemption is intended to ensure that "confidential sources are not lost because of retaliation against the sources for past disclosures or because of the sources' fear of future disclosures." *Brant Constr. Co. v. EPA*, 778 F.2d 1258, 1262 (7th Cir. 1985).

In addition, some personal identifying information is exempt from release under FOIA Exemption (7)(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). Individuals' right to privacy outweighs the general public's interest in seeing this information, and Exemption (7)(C) provides for the protection of law enforcement information the disclosure of which "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20580, within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response. If you believe that we should choose to disclose additional materials beyond what the FOIA requires, please explain why this would be in the public interest.

If you have any questions about the way we handled your request, or about our FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Ani Hatza at (202) 326-2270.

Sincerely

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Assistant General Counsel

Enclosed: List of IG Investigations (Seven pages)

### **INVESTIGATION CASE FILES**

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File No.	Date Opened	Allegation(s)	Subject(s)	Originator(s)	Referral	DOJ	Adm. Action	Date Closed+ SAR#
94-049*	03/10/94	Misuse of FTC phones (L.D. calls)		OED	DOJ	***	N/A	3/95 (12)
94-050	04/08/94	Alleged missing BC computer	Unknown	FTC Sources	None	N/A	N/A	x/95 (13)
94-051	06/10/94	Alleged criminal antitrust violations		Anonymous	None	N/A	N/A	x/96 (15)
94-052	10/15/94	Alleged consent violation			None	N/A	N/A	x/96 (15)
94-053*	08/26/94	Alleged phone abuse (L.D. calls)			None	N/A	N/A	x/95 (13)
94-054	07/19/94	Threatening letter to Essie Olney	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/95 (12)
95-055	10/26/94	Alleged obstr. of invest./TCA Co.			DOJ	***	N/A	x/96 (14)
95-056	01/18/95	Alleged discl. of nonpublic info.			None	N/A	N/A	x/95 (12)
95-057	10/24/94	Alleged press leaks/Eli Lilly Co.	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/96 (15)
95-058	11/04/94	Alleged false statements	Commission		None	N/A	N/A	x/95 (12)
95-059	01/20/95	Possible discl. of nonpublic info.			None	N/A	N/A	x/95 (13)
95-060	03/17/95	Alleged conflict of interest (18§207)			None	N/A	N/A	x/95 (12)
95-061	10/14/94	Possible press leaks/Seattle R.O.	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/95 (12)
95-062*	06/13/95	Alleged master key theft			FTC	N/A	No	x/96 (14)
95-063*	06/29/95	Possible discl. of nonpublic info.			None	N/A	N/A	x/96 (14)
95-064	07/11/95	Falsification of FTC letter			None	N/A	N/A	x/95 (13)

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95-065	07/14/95	Credit card fraud/government			None	N/A	N/A	X/95 (13)
95-066*	09/19/95	Stolen FTC Metrocheks		-	DOJ/FTC	**	Yes	x/96 (14)
95-067	08/23/95	Alleged political corruption			None	N/A	N/A	x/96 (15)
96-068	10/09/95	Credit card fraud/Personal	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/96 (15)
96-069	01/23/96	Alleged improp. instruct./Orion Co.		Confidential informant	None	N/A	N/A	x/96 (14)
96-070	02/01/96	Imperson. of FTC agent & extortion		Florida DMV	DOJ	**	N/A	x/96 (14)
96-071*	02/26/96	Alleged mismgmt./FTC parking	OED	Confidential Informant	FTC	N/A	Yes	x/96 (14)
96-072	03/25/96	Alleged alteration of docs.			None	N/A	N/A	x/96 (15)
96-073	06/12/96	Alleged press leak/Toys-R-Us Co.	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/97 (17)
96-074	07/03/96	Alleged press leak/Slick 50, Inc.	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/97 (16)
96-075	08/19/96	Alleged false resume & vouchers		Confidential Informant	None	N/A	N/A	x/97 (16)
97-076*	12/06/96	Alleged contractor impropriety			FTC	N/A	No	x/98 (19)
97-077	11/08/96	Alleged conflict of interest (18§208)			None	N/A	N/A	x/98 (19)
97-078	12/30/96	Credit card fraud/Government	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/97 (16)
97-079	01/29/97	Theft from FTC imprest fund			DOJ/FTC	***	Yes	x/97 (16)
97-080	07/14/97	Alleged press leaks/Staples, etc.	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/98 (19)
97-081	07/14/97	Alleged document destruction			DOJ	***	N/A	x/99 (20)
98-082	11/10/97	Alleged misuse of position			FTC	N/A	No	x/98 (18)
98-083	12/01/97	Malicious mischief by employee			DOJ/FTC	***	Yes	x/98 (18)
98-084*	06/03/98	Alleged abuse of FTC e-mail system			None	N/A	N/A	x/98 (19)

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98-085	06/18/98	Alleged phone misuse/L.D. calls		Anonymous	FTC	N/A	No	x/98 (19)
98-086	07/24/98	Derogatory letter to FTC officials	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/98 (19)
99-087	10/02/98	Alleged discl. of nonpublic info.	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/99 (20)
99-088	12/10/98	Alleged imperson. of FTC employee			None	N/A	N/A	x/99 (20)
99-089*	12/15/98	Alleged false resume/coverup		Anonymous	FTC	N/A	No	x/99 (20)
99-090	03/10/99	Alleged imperson. of FTC employee	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/99 (21)
99-091	03/11/99	Possible discl. of nonpublic info.			None	N/A	N/A	x/00 (22)
99-092*	06/28/99	Personal internet use by employee			DOJ/FTC	***	Yes	x/00 (22)
99-093	09/09/99	Phone threat to Comm. Swindle		FTC Security & FPS	None	N/A	N/A	x/99 (21)
99-094	08/25/99	Apparent falsification of FTC letter		CRC-FTC	DOJ	***	N/A	x/99 (21)
99-095	11/19/99	Conflict of interest (18 U.S.C. §208)			DOJ/FTC	***	No	x/00 (22)
99-096A	02/xx/00	Embezzle. by FTC-related receiver	Frank Sweeney	Frank Sweeney	DOJ	**	N/A	3/02 (26)
99-096B	xx/xx/01	Theft & tax fraud		Sweeney files	DOJ/IRS		N/A	x/01 (24)
99-097	05/09/00	Alleged press leaks/Bloomberg	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/01 (25)
20-098	05/19/00	Alleged failure to produce docs.			None	N/A	N/A	x/00 (23)
00-099	07/03/00	Alleged press leaks/Ford Finance	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/01 (25
20-100	09/14/00	Alleged press leaks/AOL-TW	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	x/01 (25)
01-101	04/19/01	Misuse of FTC computer		Confidential Informant	DOJ/FTC	***	Yes	x/01 (25)
)2-102	12/02/01	Misuse of nonpublic information			DOJ/+	***	N/A	1/02 (26)
)2-103	02/01/02	Possible Government Charge Card Fraud	Unknown		None			11/30/05 (34)
)2-104	02/13/02	Credit card fraud/Government	Unknown		None			12/05/05 (34)

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)2-105	03/21/02	Conflict of interest (18 U.S.C. §208)			DOJ/FTC	***	N/A	3/02 (26)	
)3-106	10/08/02	Possible Vendor Kick Backs to FTC Contract Specialist			None	N/A	N/A	12/20/02	
33-107	11/02/02	Alleged Impersonation of FTC Employee			N/A	N/A	N/A	05/23/03	
33-108	12/13/02	False Impersonation of FTC Employee			N/A	N/A	N/A	01/27/03	
03-109	10/01/02	Impersonation of FTC Employee			N/A	N/A	None	05/12/03	
03-110	01/10/03	False Impersonation/Using FTC Name	Ongoing		None			11/28/05 (34)	
03-111	04/09/03	Alleged Intrusion of FTC Government Computer	Unknown		None	N/A	N/A	11/17/03	
03-112*	06/02/03	Alleged Misuse of Government Position & ITM Policy Violation			None	N/A	N/A	7/14/03	
03-113	7/18/03	Impersonation of FTC Official			None	N/A	N/A	8/29/03	
03-114*	09/08/03	Dissemination of Confidential Information			None	N/A	N/A	3/31/04 (30)	
04-115	03/31/04	Conspiracy in Housing Fraud Scheme			None	N/A	N/A	1/12/06 (34)	
04-116	03/31/04	Workman's Compensation Abuse			10/22/04 FTCBCP			10/20/04 (32)	
04-117	07/29/04	Alleged Download of Pornographic material on FTC Computer			None	N/A	N/A	08/24/04 (31)	
04-118	8/27/04	FTC Employee Defrauding Ebay Customers			4/29/05	**	N/A	3/31/06 (34)	

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)5-119	10/29/04	Impersonation of FTC Official			none	N/A	N/A	1/31/05 (32)	
)5-120	12/06/04	Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 208			OGE	N/A	N/A	1/31/05 (32)	
D5-121	3/03/05	Theft of funds from FTC Child Care Center checking account		-	FPS			3/11/05 (32)	
05-122	12/02/04	Alleged Download of Pornographic material on FTC computer and attempts to access blocked websites			none			5/27/05 (33)	
05-123	3/28/05	Impersonation of FTC official	800-748-0196		none			3/31/05 (32)	
05-124	7/28/05	Misuse of Government Travel Card			None			10/26/05 (34)	
05-125	8/12/05	Misuse of Government Travel Card			None			9/30/05 (33)	
36-126	10/19/05	Installed pop-under java script on ftc website			None			12/12/05 (34)	
06-127	1/06/06	Misuse of Government Travel Card			None			3/3/06 (34)	
06-128	1/12/06	Misuse of Government Travel Card			None			2/01/06 (34)	
06-129	2/09/06	Misuse of Government Travel Card			None			8/23/06 (35)	
06-130	2/09/06	Misuse of Government Travel Card			None			02/16/06 (34)	
06-131	2/16/06	Misuse of Government Computer			None			05/12/06 (35)	
06-132	2/22/06	Alleged Download of Pomographic Material on FTC Computer			None			9/27/06 (35)	

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)6-133	5/22/06	Misuse of Government Computer			None			6/23/06 (35)
)6-134	6/26/06	Theft of Government Property	Unknown		None			6/30/06 (35)
36/135	6/30/06	Battery (at Funeral Rule Conference)			None			8/22/06 (35)
07-136	11/14/06	Violation of 18 USC § 208			DOJ Ofc Public Integrity (3/14/07)	pend- ing		
07-137	10/12/06	Impersonation of FTC Official	Unknown		None			12/14/07 (38)
07-138	11/14/06	Misuse of Government Travel Card			FTC			10/4/07 (38)
07-139	3/16/07	Misuse of Sensitive Database(s)			None			5/22/07 (37)
07-140	4/24/07	Unauthorized Disclosure of Nonpublic Information	Unknown		None			12/12/07 (38)
07-141	4/30/07	Misuse of Government Computer			FTC		pend- ing	9/5/07 (37)
07-142	6/11/07	Unauthorized Disclosure of Nonpublic Information	Unknown		None			7/02/08 (40)
07-143	9/26/07	Misuse of Official Position		Anonymous				12/18/07 (40)
07-144	9/13/08	Fraudulent redress checks	unknown		USPS	N/A	N/A	10/15/08 (41)
08-145	11/06/07	Misuse of Government Computer			FTC			2/12/08 (40)
08-146	3/31/08	Misuse of Government Resources		Anonymous	ongoing			

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8-147	3/31/08	Unauthorized disclosure of nonpublic information	Unknown		ongoing	
18-148		[Intentionally Left Blank]				
18-149	7/15/08	Misuse of government resources			ongoing	9/24/08 (40)
)8-150	7/22/08	Assault; improper relationship btwn contractor/employer; fraud			ongoing	10/31/08 (41)

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