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FOIA-2007-000534

Dear Mr. Narayanswamy:

This is a final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You asked for all logs of correspondence between Members of Congress and DOE from April 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007.

In a letter dated July 9, 2007, you were informed that the search had identified one responsive document. The review of the document has been completed and is being provided to you with certain deletions made pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).

Exemption 6 protects from disclosure "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." In applying Exemption 6, the DOE considered (1) whether a significant privacy interest would be invaded; (2) whether release of the information would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations or activities of the Government; and (3) whether in balancing the privacy interest against the public interest, disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The names of individuals who corresponded with a public official about personal concerns have been deleted from certain documents pursuant to Exemption 6. The individuals corresponded about such matters as exposure claims, security clearance applications, formal complaints, employment matters, appointments, and personal concerns.

The withheld information is of a highly personal nature and the individual to whom it pertains has an expectation that it will remain private. Disclosure of this information could subject the individual to whom it pertains to unwanted communications that would intrude into his personal life, and could deter the constituent from communicating with his elected officials. Finally, disclosure of the information withheld will not reveal any aspects about the operations or activities of the Government.



To the extent permitted by law, the DOE, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.1, will make available records that it is authorized to withhold under the FOIA when it determines that such disclosure is in the public interest. Disclosure of the information exempt pursuant to Exemption 6 would not be in the public interest because the public interest in disclosure does not outweigh the adverse impact that will occur to the individual in question.

Our determination satisfies the standard set forth by the Attorney General on October 12, 2001. That standard states that an agency is justified in not releasing requested material on a discretionary basis where release of that material could adversely impact any particular process of the agency or government deliberations; could adversely impact other institutional, commercial, and personal privacy interests that might be implicated by disclosure, or could present an unwarranted risk of adverse impact on the ability of other agencies to protect other important records.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.7 (b)(2), I am responsible for the determination to withhold the information pursuant to Exemption 6.

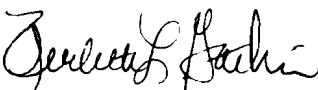
Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.8, the denial of information and the adequacy of a search may be appealed in writing within 30 calendar days of receipt of a letter denying any portion of the request. The appeal should be made to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615.

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA Appeal is being made. The appeal must contain all other elements required by 10 CFR 1004.8. Judicial review will thereafter, be available to you: (1) in the district where you reside; (2) in the district where you have your principle place of business; (3) in the district where the DOE records are situated; or (4) in the District of Columbia.

The above referenced number has been assigned to the request and you should refer to it in correspondence to this office about this matter.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have questions about this response, please contact Ms. Althea Vanzego of my staff on (202) 586-4261.

Sincerely,


for
Abel Lopez, Director
FOIA/Privacy Act Group
Office of the Executive Secretariat

Enclosure

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1. Log for correspondence between Members of Congress and the DOE from April 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007. 71 pages. FOIA-2007-000534. Information withheld under Exemption 6.

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1. **This is Secretary Samuel W. Bodman's courtesy copy of a letter addressed to Department of Justice Solicitor General Paul Clement from Congressman Doc Hastings**

Subject: Congressman Doc Hastings urging the Administration to appeal decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals relating to the remand of the 2004 Biological Opinion for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System

Control Number:	EXEC-2007-004641	Priority:	Important Critical
Action Office:	BPA	Correspondence Date:	13-Apr-2007
Signature Level:	NA	Date Received:	26-Apr-2007 11:00AM
Address Office:	Samuel W. Bodman	Date Created:	26-Apr-2007 1:56PM
POC:	Carpenter, Catherine	Due Date:	
Program Contact:		Completed Date:	26-Apr-2007 12:00AM
Source:	CR	Status:	completed

2. **Fax to CI/Rick Dearborn from Senator Maria Cantwell referring a letter from Tim Coe**

Subject: Senator Maria Cantwell forwarding letter from constituent, Tim Coe requesting assistance regarding Bonneville Power Administration's right-of-way to his adjoining property

Control Number:	EXEC-2007-005175	Priority:	Important Critical
Action Office:	BPA	Correspondence Date:	04-May-2007
Signature Level:	BPA	Date Received:	07-May-2007 12:00PM
Address Office:	CI	Date Created:	07-May-2007 4:40PM
POC:	Carpenter, Catherine	Due Date:	22-Jun-2007
Program Contact:		Completed Date:	
Source:	CR	Status:	open

3. **Referral letter to CI/Eric Nicoll from Department of the Interior Matt Eames referring a letter from Senator Maria Cantwell on behalf of Richard Weaver**

Subject: Matt Eames forwarding Senator Maria Cantwell letter on behalf of his constituent, Richard Weaver regarding the Bonneville Power Administration plans to cut trees on his property and right-of-way of adjacent land

Control Number:	EXEC-2007-006380	Priority:	Important Critical
Action Office:	BPA	Correspondence Date:	18-May-2007
Signature Level:	BPA	Date Received:	04-Jun-2007 3:00PM
Address Office:	CI	Date Created:	04-Jun-2007 2:54PM
POC:	Carpenter, Catherine	Due Date:	25-Jun-2007
Program Contact:		Completed Date:	
Source:	CR	Status:	open

4. **Fax to CI/Rick Dearborn from Senator Maria Cantwell on behalf of Tim Coe**

Subject: Senator Maria Cantwell followup inquiry on constituent, Tim Coe requests for assistance regarding Bonneville Power Administration's right-of-way to his adjoining property

Control Number:	EXEC-2007-006882	Priority:	Important Critical
Action Office:	BPA	Correspondence Date:	18-Jun-2007
Signature Level:	BPA	Date Received:	20-Jun-2007 4:00PM
Address Office:	CI	Date Created:	21-Jun-2007 11:29AM
POC:	Carpenter, Catherine	Due Date:	27-Jul-2007
Program Contact:		Completed Date:	
Source:	CR	Status:	open

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5. **Letter to Secretary Bodman from Mark W. Everson on behalf of Department of Treasury**
Subject: Regarding promoting tax compliance among Federal employees
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2007-003341 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 22-Mar-2007 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Received: | 03-Apr-2007 12:00AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 04-Apr-2007 10:08AM |
| POC: | Watson, Sylvia | Due Date: | 31-May-2007 |
| Program Contact: | | Completed Date: | 07-Jun-2007 12:00AM |
| Source: | CR | Status: | completed |
6. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Committee on Armed Services Chairman Ike Skelton on behalf of [redacted]**
Subject: Chairman Ike Skelton authorizing [redacted] b6 [redacted] b6 [redacted] to travel on or about April 2, 2007, to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2007-003849 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Mar-2007 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Received: | 12-Apr-2007 4:00PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 13-Apr-2007 9:28AM |
| POC: | Carpenter, Catherine | Due Date: | |
| Program Contact: | | Completed Date: | 13-Apr-2007 12:00AM |
| Source: | CR | Status: | completed |
7. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Richard Shelby on behalf of Masada Resource Group**
Subject: Senator Richard Shelby supports proposal submitted by the Masada Resource Group to the DOE's loan guarantee program
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2007-004672 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 18-Apr-2007 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Received: | 26-Apr-2007 11:00AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 27-Apr-2007 9:15AM |
| POC: | Carpenter, Catherine | Due Date: | 18-May-2007 |
| Program Contact: | | Completed Date: | 15-May-2007 12:00AM |
| Source: | CR | Status: | completed |
8. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Committee on Science and Technology Bart Gordon**
Subject: Gordon urges DOE to to promulgate regulations to implement the Loan Guarantee Program authorized in Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 that set out clearly-defined objectives & outcomes for program including strategy to successfully manage financial risk to the government
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2007-004693 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 26-Apr-2007 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Received: | 27-Apr-2007 9:00AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 27-Apr-2007 11:18AM |
| POC: | Holloway, Geneva | Due Date: | 16-May-2007 |
| Program Contact: | | Completed Date: | 22-Jun-2007 12:00AM |
| Source: | CC | Status: | completed |

