



Federal Communications Commission
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: FOIA Control No. FCC-FOIA-2024-001071

Mr. Rubinstein:

This letter responds to your application for expedited processing in connection with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, FOIA Control No. FCC-FOIA-2024-001071, seeking “[a]ll records referencing “Audacy” AND “public interest” OR “election” OR “national security.” B. All records of waivers, assignment applications, or other records relating to expediting the Audacy transaction. C. All records referencing “Audacy” AND “foreign ownership” OR “election” OR “special warrants” OR “public interest” OR “Team Telecom.” D. All records referencing foreign ownership review under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act relating to the Audacy transaction or any transaction by the Soros Fund Management. E. All records referencing the public interest determination under Section 310(d) of the Communications Act Audacy transaction or any transaction by the Soros Fund Management. F. All records of any waivers or expedited processes or special warrants applied to transactions of the Audacy transaction or any transaction by the Soros Fund Management. G. All records sufficient to show the total number of license transfers that preceded the section 310(b)(4) national security review. H. All records filings showing the ownership of Soros Fund Management and Laurel Tree. a. National Security implications, impacts or findings as they pertain to the “public interest” of the Audacy transaction. I. All records referencing Congressman Chip Roy’s April 23, 2024, letter. J. All records referencing Senator Ted Cruz’s August 9, 2024, letter. A. All custodians in the Office of the Secretary at GS-14 pay scale and above. B. All custodians in the Office of the Commissioners at GS-14 pay scale and above. C. All custodians in the Office of International Affairs at GS-14 pay scale and above. D. All custodians in the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at GS-14 pay scale and above. E. All custodians in the Media Bureau at GS-14 pay scale and above. F. All custodians in the Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau at GS-14 pay scale and above. G. All custodians in the Office of Economics & Analytics Bureau at GS-14 pay scale and above.” By this letter, we grant your request for expedited processing.

Section 0.461(h) provides that a request for expedited processing shall be granted where a requester demonstrates a compelling need for expedited processing and certifies his request to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge. Our rules provide that the term “compelling need”

means (1) “[t]hat failure to obtain requested records on an expedited basis could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual” or (2) “[w]ith respect to a request made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, there is an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity.”¹

We conclude that the reasoning you provide justifies granting expedited processing on the basis that you are a person primarily engaged in disseminating information and there is an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged government activity. Therefore, we grant your request for expedited processing. We will commence the search for records responsive to your request and anticipate responding to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Cathy Williams^{SK}

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¹ 47 CFR § 0.461(h)(3).