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File Number: 20241241

Dear Requester:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on August 2, 2024, for the following records, from June 14, 2024 to July 14, 2024:

1. Records reflecting all calendar entries for the time frame of June 14, 2024, through July 14, 2024, of the following officials:
 - a. Director of the United States Secret Service
 - b. Deputy Director of the United States Secret Service
 - c. Secretary, Deputy Secretary, General Counsel, Chief of Staff, and any Front Office advisor at DHS.

Your request, for expedited treatment, has been granted.

Under the DHS/FOIA regulation, 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.5, expedited processing of a FOIA request is warranted if the request involves “circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual” ((d)(1)(i)), or “an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information” ((d)(1)(ii)). Requesters that seek expedited processing must submit a statement explaining, in detail, the basis for the request. Additionally, FOIA regulation 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.5(d)(3), requires that statements be certified, by the requester, to be “true and correct to the best of that person’s knowledge and belief.”

Your request has been granted because you have demonstrated a need, under DHS/FOIA regulation 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.5(d)(1)(i) or 5.5(d)(1)(ii), for expedited processing. Your request for a fee waiver will be held in abeyance pending the quantification of responsive records. The FOIA regulations, Title 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5 § 5.11(k)(2)(3), set forth six factors to examine when determining whether the applicable legal standard for a fee waiver has been met. We will consider these factors:

- 1) Whether the subject of the requested records concerns “the operations or activities of the government;”
- 2) Whether the disclosure is “likely to contribute” to an understanding of government operations or activities;
- 3) Whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requestor or a narrow segment of interested persons;
- 4) Whether the contribution of public understanding of government operations or activities will be “significant;”
- 5) Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and
- 6) Whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requestor is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor.

In the event that your fee waiver is denied, we shall charge you for the records in accordance with Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to “media” requesters. The first 100 pages of duplication are free of charge. As a “media” requester, you will be charged .10 cents a page for the duplication of each additional page.

Furthermore, the submission of your request is viewed as an agreement, by you, to pay duplication costs up to \$25.00. A search for files responsive to your request is being conducted. The appropriate components of the Secret Service are being queried for responsive documents. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for a disclosure determination. You will be contacted before any additional fees are accrued.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per Section 5.5(a) of the FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 5, Secret Service processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. As your request seeks documents that will require a thorough and wide-ranging search, the Secret Service will invoke a 10-day extension for your request, pursuant to 6 C.F.R., Part 5 § 5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

Your request has been assigned FOIA File No. 20241241. We solicit your cooperation and assure you that the search will be conducted as expeditiously as possible. If you have any questions or would like to check the status of your request, please contact our FOIA Public Liaison Kevin Tyrrell, at (202) 220-1819. Alternatively, you may email this office at FOIA@uss.dhs.gov.

Please use the file number indicated above in all future correspondence with this office.

Thank you,

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