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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Privacy Office
Director, Disclosure & FOIA
245 Murray Drive SW, Building 410
STOP-655
Washington DC 20528-0655

RE: Freedom of Information Act request

Dear Director,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC § 552). I request that a copy of the following records be provided to me:

Any and all paper, electronic, or other records involving:

1. Any correspondence between any staff member of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office, and any staff member of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) that relates to USCG FOIA request 2010-2784;
2. Any correspondence between any staff member of the DHS Privacy Office, and any staff member of the White House and/or Executive Office of the President that relates to USCG FOIA request 2010-2784;
3. Any correspondence between any staff member of the DHS Privacy Office, and any staff member of the USCG that relates to FOIA requests regarding the private security firm Talon Security – or any company with a substantially similar name – undertaken between April 20, 2010, and May 3, 2011.
4. Any correspondence between any staff member of the DHS Privacy Office, and any staff member of the White House and/or Executive Office of the President that relates to FOIA requests regarding the private security firm Talon Security – or any company with a substantially similar name – undertaken between April 20, 2010, and May 3, 2011.

In order to help you determine my status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that I am a freelance journalist, and that this request is made as part of news gathering, and is not for commercial use. Responsive files will be shared with researchers, journalists, and the public, and will not be licensed for profit.

I am seeking a waiver of fees for this request, since the public dissemination of the requested materials will aide the public's understanding of the federal government's Freedom of Information Act practices. This request is both a clarification and expansion of materials sought in a recent FOIA request filed with your office, which you assigned number DHS/OS/PRIV/11-0674.

If my fee waiver is denied, I am willing to pay fees of up to \$100.00 without prior notice. If fees are estimated to exceed this amount, please notify me first.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, please notify me of all appeals procedures available by law.

I can be contacted at 651-335-2037 or info@publicrecordmedia.com if you need to discuss any aspect of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Ehling', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matt Ehling
President, Public Record Media