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Caroline Bachun  
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Dear Ms. Bachun,

On September 6, 2012, I wrote to your office and requested the following data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MNGDPA):

1. Data regarding training operations conducted by the United States Special Operations Command, or any other component of the United States military, within the city of Minneapolis, between August 1, 2012 and September 6, 2012, including any and all written and/or electronic correspondence related to such training. "Correspondence" shall be read to include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- a) Correspondence between employees of the City Attorney's Office of the city of Minneapolis, and employees and/or officials of any other department of the city of Minneapolis;
- b) Correspondence between employees of the City Attorney's Office of the City of Minneapolis, and any employees and/or officials of the city of Saint Paul;
- c) Correspondence between employees of the City Attorney's Office of the City of Minneapolis, and any employees of any federal military agency or component.

By letter dated November 13, 2012, you responded to my request, and notified me that your office had produced responsive documentation. Enclosed with your letter was a set of copies of such responsive data.

Your letter of November 13 also stated that some portions of the responsive data had been redacted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13.37 and 13.393. Within the set of document copies that I received from your office, redactions had been made in the following places:

1. Within multiple copies of an e-mail of July 6, 2012 from Corey Conover to various city employees, with a header reading "update on license agreement;"
2. Within multiple copies of an e-mail of July 13, 2012 from Corey Conover to Heidi Hamilton and Charlie Kocourek.
3. Within multiple copies of a contract document entitled "License For The Use Of Minneapolis Water Works By The United States Navy Special Warfare Development Group."

With regard to any data withheld pursuant to the Minnesota Statutes as "security information," Minn. Stat. 13.37 subd. (2)(b) states that:

"If a government entity denies a data request based on a determination that the data are security information, upon request, the government entity must provide a short description explaining the necessity for the classification."

This letter constitutes a request for such a "short description" regarding the classification of portions of the data responsive to my MNGDPA request as "security information." In particular, please describe the necessity for redacting what appears to be item number five of the eleven-item contract entitled "License For The Use Of Minneapolis Water Works By The United States Navy Special Warfare Development Group."

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your processing of my initial MNGDPA request. Please contact me with additional questions via phone at 651-335-2037, or via e-mail at [info@publicrecordmedia.com](mailto:info@publicrecordmedia.com).

Sincerely,



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cc: Craig Steiner, Responsible Authority