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United States Coast Guard
Commandant (CG-611)
2100 2nd Street, SW
Washington DC 20593-0001
Attn: FOIA

RE: Freedom of Information Act request

Dear Commandant,

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 contracts that your agency has signed with Talon Security - or any company with a substantially similar name – between April 20, 2010, and June 24, 2010.

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, rather than for commercial use. Responsive files will be shared with researchers, journalists, and the public, and will not be licensed for profit.

I request a waiver of fees for this request, since the public dissemination of the requested materials will aid public understanding of the federal government's security operations in the Louisiana gulf region, as they relate to what has been colloquially referred to as the "BP oil spill." Press reports indicate that a company known as "Talon Security" has been active in securing portions of the incident site.

If this waiver is denied, I am willing to pay fees of up to \$100.00. 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 if you need to discuss any aspect of this request.

Sincerely,

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

Matt Ehling
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