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Department of Energy
FOIA Officer/Requester Service Center
Mr. Alexander Morris
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FOIA REQUEST
Fee benefit requested
Fee waiver requested
Expedited processing requested

Dear Mr. Alexander Morris:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any and all correspondence between members of Congress and the Department of Energy. between December 1, 2008 and March 15, 2009. Please include correspondence to and from the department.

As a representative of the news media, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on Congressional correspondence. This information is being sought on behalf of *The Washington Times* for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about congressional spending because a delay would rob the public of its ability to make its views known in a timely matter. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Haberkorn

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