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File Numbers: 20150247 - 20150248

Dear Requester:

This letter is intended to acknowledge the receipt of your recent Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Acts (FOIA/PA) request, received by the United States Secret Service (USSS) on November 20, 2014, for information pertaining to the following:

File Number 20150247: Incident reports, reviews, memoranda, and emails about USSS agents using any form of violence against civilians - like journalists - in the United States between January 1, 2013 and November 20, 2014; and

File Number 20150248: The roster of the USSS detail who accompanied and protected Leon Panetta on the night of November 10, 2014 at Peace United Church of Christ for his book promotion sponsored by Bookshop Santa Cruz owned by the Coonerty clan.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA/PA 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, the Service processes FOIA/PA requests according to their order of receipt.

As it relates to your fee waiver request, your request 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 in our evaluation of your request for a fee waiver:

- 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.

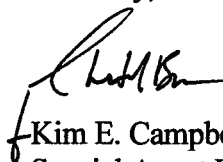
If any responsive records are located, we will consider these factors in our evaluation of your request for a fee waiver. In the event that your fee waiver is denied, we shall charge you for the records in accordance with Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to non-commercial ("all other") requesters. The first 100 pages of duplication are free of charge. As an "all other" requester, you will be charged .10 cents a page for the duplication of each additional page. As an "all other" requester, the first 2 hours of search time are free of charge, after which you will be charged the per quarter-hour rate (\$4.00, \$7.00, \$10.25) of the searcher.

Please be advised, the submission of your request is viewed as an agreement, by you, to pay duplication and search time 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 determination of releasability. You will be contacted before any additional fees are accrued.

Your request has been assigned FOIA File Numbers 20150247 and 20150248. We solicit your cooperation and assure you that the search will be conducted as expeditiously as possible. To check the status of your FOIA request, please contact this office at (202) 406-5838.

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

Sincerely,



Kim E. Campbell
Special Agent In Charge
Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Officer