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SEP 30 2011

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Control Nos.: 10-FI-HQ-02236 and FI-483888

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 3, 2010. In your letter, you asked for copies of the following items that were created on or after January 20, 2009:

1. All records relating to daily schedules, including attendees at meetings held and attended by then-Deputy Secretary Ron Sims;
2. All records relating to travel performed by Mr. Sims on behalf of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including disbursements issued to him or on his behalf for such travel; and
3. All records related to speeches given on behalf of HUD by Mr. Sims, including the text of any speeches given.

When responding to a FOIA request, HUD searches for responsive documents existing up to the date that the request is received in the Department's FOIA Branch. Your request was received on August 6, 2010.

Your request is granted in part. In a letter dated May 5, 2011, the Department provided you with the releasable records pertaining to item 2, and provided you with a copy of Mr. Sims' speech log from May 3, 2010, through July 29, 2010. In response to item 1, enclosed are copies of the releasable portions of his daily schedule, to include meetings held. In response to item 3, enclosed is a CD-ROM that contains the text of speeches he gave. I am withholding internal comments from his daily schedule pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. Exemption 5 protects documents that are inter-agency or intra-agency, and which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with HUD. The release of this internal information would reflect HUD's predecisional, deliberative process, and would discourage open and candid advice, recommendations, and exchange of views within the agency, which could bring about public scrutiny of the individuals and the need to justify in public their tentative opinions. I am also withholding personal information from his daily schedule pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6. Release of that information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, because the interest of the general public in reviewing these portions of government documents does not outweigh the individual's right to privacy.

I am the official responsible for this determination based on information provided by the Department's Office of General Counsel. You may appeal this determination within 30 days from the date of this letter. If you decide to appeal, your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting the appeal. With regard to Exemption 6 only, your appeal should address the nature of the overriding public interest in disclosure that outweighs the personal privacy interest protected by the exemption. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal and be addressed to:

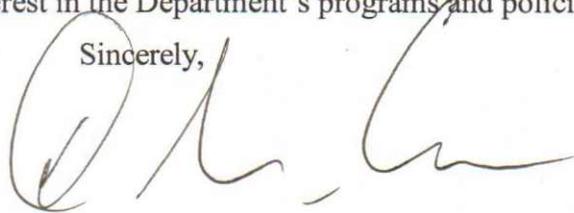
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For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone number, or Social Security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures