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WASHINGTON, DC 20410-3000

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DEC 28 2011

Mr. William Wilson
President
Americans for Limited Government
Suite 303
9900 Main Street
Fairfax, VA 22031

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Control No.: 12-FI-HQ-00321

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal dated November 7, 2011. You asked for copies of all records and documents concerning or relating to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's handling of a previous FOIA request that you submitted (10-FI-HQ-02336 and FI-483888).

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 November 8, 2011.

Your request is granted in part at no cost to you. Enclosed are copies of emails that are responsive to your request. I am withholding an internal comment under FOIA Exemption 5. Exemption 5 protects documents that are interagency or intra-agency, which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with HUD. The release of such internal information would reflect HUD's predecisional, deliberative process, and would discourage open and candid advice, recommendations, and exchange of views within the Department, which could bring about public scrutiny of the individuals and the need to justify in public their tentative opinions.

I am the official responsible for this determination. You may appeal this determination within 30 days from the date of this letter. Your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting your appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal. If you should decide to submit an appeal, please send it to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Attention: FOIA Appeals
Office of Ethics and Personnel Law
451 7th Street SW, Room 2130
Washington, DC 20410

Telephone: (202) 708-3815

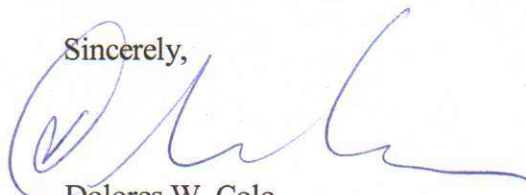
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For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Cole', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Dolores W. Cole
Director for FOIA and
Executive Correspondence
Office of the Executive Secretariat

Enclosures

Wright, Sandra J

From: Black, Jacquita B
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 11:05 AM
To: Wright, Sandra J
Cc: Lopez, James C
Subject: FOIA request info.
Attachments: DS SPEECH FOIA REQUEST.xlsx

Good Morning Ms. Wright,

Here is the information you requested from me on the Deputy Secretary's speeches. I've attached a copy of my speech log which only covers the period of May 2010-August 3, 2010. I was not maintaining a log prior to May 2010.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 3:56 PM
To: Wright, Sandra J
Cc: Lewis, Vicky J
Subject: ALG request for Sims calendars
Attachments: DSOHUD ScheduleMay2009-Dec2009001.pdf

(5) I think Ive tracked this down. Enclosed are the first set of his calendars thru 12/09. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ill send the second installment shortly

Wright, Sandra J

From: Mincberg, Elliot M
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 3:59 PM
To: Wright, Sandra J
Cc: Lewis, Vicky J
Subject: Sims calendar request
Attachments: DSOHUD Schedule.PDF

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Subject: RE: Sims calendar request - FI-483888

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