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Task Details

Request Status : *Initial Evaluation* **Task Due Date :** *N/A*

Submitted Evaluation Assignment Processing Closed

Request Details

Tracking Number : TREAS-2013-000012	Request Type : FOIA
Requester : Mr. Jason Leopold	Request Track : TBD
Organization : Truthout.org	Submitted Date : 12/29/2012
Requester Has Account : No	Due Date : N/A
Email Address : jason@truthout.org	Assigned To : Department of Treasury
Phone Number : 213-270-4334	Last Assigned Date : 12/29/2012
Fax Number : N/A	Last Assigned By : N/A
Address : 1669 Benedict Canyon Drive	Fee Limit : \$500.00
City : Beverly Hills	
State/Province : CA	
Zip Code/Postal Code : 90210	

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Task Type : Fee Waiver	Assigned To : Department of Treasury
Due Date : N/A	Last Assigned Date : 12/29/2012
	Last Assigned By : Jason Leopold
Description : Fee Waiver Task	
Comments : Truthout is also requesting a public interest fee waiver. There can be no question that the information sought would contribute to the public's understanding of government operations or activities and is in the public interest. Please ensure that, in accordance with the DC Circuit's ruling in <i>Chambers v. Dep't of the Interior</i> , 568 F.3d 998 (D.C. Cir. 2009), all records potentially responsive to this FOIA request are immediately preserved from destruction until the final resolution of this FOIA action. Destruction of potentially responsive records after the receipt of a FOIA request is considered "contumacious conduct" by the DC Circuit. See <i>id.</i> at 1004.	

Submission Details Case File Admin Cost Assigned Tasks Comments Review

Request Handling

Requester Info : No	Request Perfected : No
Available to the Public :	Acknowledgement Sent Date :
Request Track : Unassigned	Unusual Circumstances ? : No
Fee Category : Unassigned	
Fee Waiver Requested : Yes	
Fee Waiver Status : Pending Decision	
Expedited Processing Requested : No	
Expedited Processing Status : N/A	

Request Description

Short Description :

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If you deny all or part of this request, please cite the specific exemptions you believe justify your refusal to release the information or permit the review and notify us of your appeal procedures available under the law. In excising material, please "black out" rather than "white out" or "cut out." In addition, I draw your attention to President

Obama's 21 January 2009 Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, directing federal agencies to adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure and stating that government information should not be kept confidential "merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears."

I am lead investigative reporter for the online publication Truthout.org (<http://www.truth-out.org/about>). Truthout qualifies as a representative of the news media. It is a well-known online news publication.

Your agency is required by law to respond to this request within 20 working days, and it must render a determination on the request for expedited processing within 10 calendar days. Failure to timely comply may result in the filing of a civil action against your agency in a United States District Court.

Please provide any records produced in response to this request in electronic (soft-copy) form.

Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated. If you wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Jason Leopold

Description Available to the Public : No

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Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public : No

No supporting files have been added.