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August 27, 2010

Dear FOIA Officer:

I hereby submit the following request under the Freedom of Information Act. Please consider this request separate and in addition to any previous request. This request does not supersede any prior request.

Records Requested

All emails and corresponding attachments sent to (to:, cc: or bcc:) or from Ronald Kirk where the email contains any of the following keywords in the subject or body: Jesus, Christ, Christian, Evangelical, Church, Mosque, PBUH, Muslim, Islam or Islamic. Limit responsive emails to those sent between 01/20/2009 and the date this request is processed.

News Media Fee Benefit and authorization of up to \$30 in fees

I am a member of the News Media as defined in 22CFR171.11(o) and request the applicable fee waiver. I do authorize up to \$30 in fees if this request is denied or fees are incurred further than the exemption allows. I do retain the right to appeal any denial of this request.

(o) Representative of the news media means any person actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public.

I write for and am gathering news for Witnesses Unto Me, a publication which distributes among other writing, news.

The term news means information that is about current events or that would be of current interest to the public.

My experience in journalism allows me judge the current interest of a topic to the public. I make this request with knowledge and belief the topic is of current interest to the public.

News media include television or radio stations broadcasting to the public at large and publishers of periodicals (but only in those instances when they can qualify as disseminators of ``news'') who make their products available for purchase by the general public.

Witnesses Unto Me disseminates many types of writing, including news. For an example of a recent news article, see "City of Dearborn limits free speech around Arab Festival" written by myself and published June 22, 2010 by

Witnesses Unto Me. Witnesses Unto Me is available to the general public and is not limited to any subset of the public.

Freelance journalists may be regarded as working for a news organization if they can demonstrate, such as by past publication, a likelihood of publication through a representative of the news media, even though not actually employed by it.

My articles are frequently published by both Witnesses Unto Me and SBC Voices, the two publications for which I write. I am assured of publication as the publisher of Witnesses Unto Me and a regular columnist with SBC Voices.

Delivery of records

You can deliver the documents to me in any of the following ways, listed in order of preference, most desirable first:

Email electronic copy: jason.smathers@gmail.com

Mail CD Rom: P.O. Box 781; Topock, AZ 86436-0781

Format

In any situation where the fee will be the same or less, please provide documents in electronic format. Any electronic format is preferred to paper. Please use the most economical electronic format.

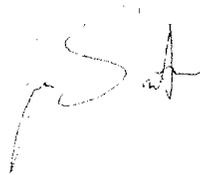
In case of denial

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, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a fee benefit.

Certification

I declare, certify, verify or state, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 27, 2010.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Smathers', written in a cursive style.

Jason Smathers

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

September 30, 2009

Mr. Jason Smathers
P.O. Box 781
Topock, AZ 86436-0781

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This letter is USTR's response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act for "all corresponding attachments sent to (to: cc: or bcc:) or from Ronald Kirk where the email contains any of the following keywords in the subject or body: Jesus, Christ, Christian, Evangelical, Church, Mosque, PBUH, Muslim, Islam or Islamic."

Please be advised that we have located six (6) documents within the scope of your request. Of those we are releasing six (6) documents in part. The documents have been redacted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(2) which pertains to internal matters such as personnel rules and practices of an agency that are of a relatively trivial nature. Other redactions are due to the non-responsive nature of the material.

Inasmuch, as this constitutes a complete response to your request, I am closing your file in this office. In the event that you are dissatisfied with USTR's determination, you may appeal such a denial, within thirty (30) days, in writing to:

FOIA Appeals Committee
Office of the United States Trade Representative
1724 F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20508

Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal". In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you seek.

Should you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Office at (202) 395-3419.

Sincerely,



Carmen Suro-Bredie
Chief FOIA Officer

Jones-Davis, Cecelia L.

From: Kirk, Ronald
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 5:58 PM
To: 'jesusvargas' [REDACTED] (B)(6)
Cc: Jones, Cecelia L.; McPherson, Nefeterius A.
Subject: RE: SMU Commencement

NON RESPONSIVE

Jesus – thanks for your kind words regarding my Commencement Address. [REDACTED]

NON RESPONSIVE

Jones-Davis, Cecelia L.

From: Kirk, Ronald
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 7:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Bailey, Averyl E.; Jones, Cecelia L.
Subject: Re: Touching Base

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NONRESPONSIVE

John - good seeing you at Church.
from you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: John Wooten [REDACTED]
To: Kirk, Ronald
Sent: Tue Jun 01 11:59:14 2010
Subject: Touching Base

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[REDACTED]

Jones-Davis, Cecelia L.

From: Kirk, Ronald
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 1:00 PM
To: Jones, Cecelia L.
Subject: Re: 2010 College Tour

NON RESPONSIVE

From: Jones, Cecelia L.
To: Kirk, Ronald
Sent: Wed May 26 12:18:13 2010
Subject: FW: 2010 College Tour

NON RESPONSIVE

*Cece Jones-Davis
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th St. NW
Washington, DC 20508*

From: Rozalind Dickerson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 4:08 PM
To: FN-USTR-SCHEDULING
Subject: 2010 College Tour

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Averyl,

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Each year our church sponsors a college tour for high school students that includes at least 8 colleges/universities, sightseeing, and entertainment.

The New Busy is not the old busy. Search, chat and e-mail from your inbox. [Get started.](#)

Jones-Davis, Cecelia L.

From: Kirk, Ronald
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 3:30 PM
To: Jones-Davis, Cecelia L.
Subject: Re: NCAA Champions reception at the WH

[REDACTED]

From: Jones-Davis, Cecelia L.
To: Kirk, Ronald
Cc: Rafdal, Anna M.
Sent: Thu Sep 09 12:34:43 2010
Subject: FW: NCAA Champions reception at the WH

[REDACTED]

Cece Jones-Davis
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th St. NW
Washington, DC 20508

[REDACTED] (B)(2)

From: Maisel, Chad P.
To: Maisel, Chad P.
Sent: Wed Sep 08 13:19:24 2010
Subject: NCAA Champions reception at the WH

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: White House Press Office [mailto:noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2010 12:23 PM
To: Maisel, Chad P.
Subject: NEW DETAILS: President Obama to Honor NCAA Champion Student Athletes at the White House

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 8, 2010

NEW DETAILS: President Obama to Honor NCAA Champion Student Athletes at the White House

WASHINGTON—On Monday, September 13, President Obama will continue a tradition started by President George W. Bush by honoring championship teams and student athletes from across the NCAA with a reception at the White House. The President will welcome student athletes from dozens of schools and various sports to congratulate them on their accomplishments in the classroom as well as on and off the playing field. In association with this event, various championship teams and players will be recognized for their efforts to give back to their communities, continuing an effort begun by President Obama of sports champions being commended for service as part of a White House visit. More details, including press access information, will be released in the coming weeks.

Some of the schools and teams invited to attend the September 13 event include:

Augusta State University Men's Golf
Boston College Men's Ice Hockey
Duke University Men's Lacrosse
Fairleigh Dickinson University Women's Bowling
Oklahoma State University Men's Cross Country
Pennsylvania State University Women's Volleyball
Pennsylvania State University Men's & Women's Fencing
Stanford University Men's Volleyball
Stanford University Women's Tennis
Texas A&M University, College Station Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field
Texas Christian University Men's & Women's Rifle
University of California, Los Angeles Softball
University of California Los Angeles Women's Gymnastics
University of Denver Men's & Women's Skiing
University of Florida Men's Indoor Track and Field
University of Florida Women's Swimming and Diving
University of Illinois Wheel Chair Basketball
University of Iowa Wrestling
University of Maryland, College Park Women's Lacrosse
University of Michigan Men's Gymnastics
University of Minnesota Duluth Women's Ice Hockey
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Field Hockey
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Women's Soccer
University of Oregon Women's Indoor Track and Field
University of South Carolina Baseball
University of Southern California Men's Tennis
University of Southern California Men's Water Polo
University of Southern California Women's Water Polo
University of Texas at Austin Men's Swimming and Diving
University of Virginia Men's Soccer
University of Virginia Women's Rowing)

Jones-Davis, Cecelia L.

From: Kirk, Ronald
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2010 12:43 PM
To: Jones-Davis, Cecelia L.
Subject: Re: NCAA Reception at WH

[REDACTED] NON RESPONSIVE

From: Jones-Davis, Cecelia L.
To: Kirk, Ronald
Cc: Rafdal, Anna M.
Sent: Fri Sep 10 10:59:34 2010
Subject: NCAA Reception at WH

NON RESPONSIVE

[REDACTED] just wanted you to be aware that Texas A&M, Texas Christian University, UT at Austin (Swimming & Diving) will be in attendance to meet POTUS. [REDACTED]

*Cece Jones-Davis
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th St. NW
Washington, DC 20508*

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Garcia, Lisa A.

From: Garcia, Lisa A.
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 6:46 PM
To: Kirk, Ronald
Subject: FW: Janie Salinas

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Lisa A. Garcia
Chief of Staff
U.S. Trade Representative Office
Executive Office of the President

[REDACTED] (B)(2)

-----Original Message-----

From: michael.robertson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 6:23 PM
To: Garcia, Lisa A.
Subject: Fw: Janie Salinas

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----- Original Message -----

From: Trista R. Allen
Sent: 06/13/2010 12:23 PM CDT
To: Stephen Leeds; Michael Robertson; Sahar Wali; Shala Geer-Smith; Jim Weller; James Ferracci; George Prochaska; Kathy Colomo; Julie Jensen; Melissa Carrion; Tunisia Sadruddin; Cathy Evans; Michael Clardy; Raquel Stokes; Jerry Ann Foster; Elsie Acevedo
Subject: Janie Salinas

NIR

To all:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Funeral services will be Tuesday in Weslaco, right outside of McAllen.

When I have the time and name of the church I will forward [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Trista Allen
Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator

[REDACTED] (B)(6)

Sent from blackberry