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June 12, 2006

Sybia Harrison
FOIA Officer
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20508

Re: Request under the Freedom of Information Act

Dear Ms. Harrison:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request disclosure of the following documents for inspection and possible copying:

All documents, including but not limited to cables, letters, memoranda, briefing papers, transcripts, summaries, notes, emails, reports, drafts, and intelligence documents relating in whole or in part to Colombian trade negotiators' visit to the United States on or about May 6, 2006, including any documents pertaining to discussions between these negotiators and US officials

Note: The Colombian delegation was sent to the United States in order to resolve the discrepancies between the American version and Colombian version of the Colombia-US free-trade agreement.

If you regard any of this document as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose it. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable non exempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

As you know, the National Security Archive qualifies for a waiver of search and review fees as a representative of the news media. This request is made as part of a scholarly and news research project and not for commercial use. For details on the Archive's research and publication activities, please see our Web site at the address above. Please notify me before incurring photocopying costs over \$100.

To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7000. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty day statutory time period.

Sincerely,


Michael Evans

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

May 19, 2010

Mr. Michael Evans
The National Security Archive
The George Washington University
2130 H St. N.W.
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Dear Mr. Evans:

This letter is USTR's final response to your Freedom of Information Act request for **"all documents, including but not limited to cables, letters, memoranda, briefing papers, transcripts, summaries, notes, emails, reports, drafts, and intelligence documents relating in whole or in part to Colombian trade negotiators' visit to the United States on or about May 6, 2006, including any documents pertaining to discussions between these negotiators and U.S. officials"**.

Please be advised that we have located thirty-eight (38) documents in response to your request. Of those, we are releasing one (1) document in part and withholding thirty-seven (37) documents in full. The documents have been withheld and redacted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(1), which pertains to information that is properly classified in the interest of national security pursuant to Executive Order 12958 and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5), which pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege.

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.

Mr. Michael Evans
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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the FOIA office at (202) 395-3419.

Sincerely,


Carmen Suro-Bredie

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IF RAISED: U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement

- I commend you and your government for your steadfast commitment over the past two years to negotiating a high-quality free trade agreement with the United States.
- I understand that our teams are still working through remaining issues in the process of verifying our agriculture deal.
- Know there's still work to be done on commitments related to agricultural regulatory (sanitary and phytosanitary) barriers.
- We're looking forward to getting all outstanding issues resolved, so we can move forward with our notification to the U.S. Congress.

Background: The United States and Colombia concluded free trade talks on February 27. Since then, both sides have been working to iron out the final details of the negotiations. Also, the United States has been seeking to ensure that Colombia implements its commitment to lift unjustified regulatory barriers to U.S. exports of poultry and meat (*e.g.*, beef and pork).

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