

RECORDS OFFICE



November 6, 2013

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PO Box 401159
San Francisco, CA 94110

RE: FOIA Case No. 2014-FPRO-00057

Dear Postal Customer:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, dated October 18, 2013 for access to Postal Service records.

We consider that you are within the category of "other requesters" as defined by Postal Service FOIA fee regulations. This category applies to requesters who are not commercial use requesters, educational or scientific requesters, or news media requesters.

Regarding fees under the FOIA, fair and equitable fees are established to permit the furnishing of records to the public, while recovering costs incurred by the Postal Service. The cost is calculated in accordance with our fee regulations at section 265.9 of Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, which permit us to charge requests of "other requesters" search time at the rate of \$32.00 per hour and 15 cents per page for duplication, after providing the first two hours of search time and the first 100 pages at no charge. In addition, our regulations require that requesters be notified in advance of all costs expected to exceed \$25.00 if they have not indicated their willingness to accept costs that may be incurred in processing their request.

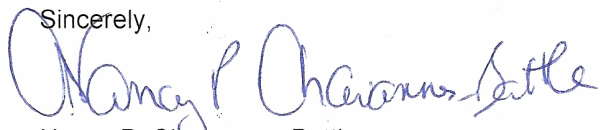
The cost to process your request is estimated to be a *minimum* of \$832.00 for search time (28 hours at a cost of \$32.00 per hour minus 2 hours). In addition to that cost, 15 cents per page will be assessed for duplication (the first 100 pages are provided at no charge). There may be additional charges depending on actual services provided in the processing of this request.

Because the cost of processing your request will exceed \$250.00, we will require at least 50 percent advance payment with your written agreement to accept any assessable costs incurred. Please submit your check or money order in the amount of \$416.00 made payable to the "U. S. Postal Service." We must caution you that you are liable for the fee even if certain portions of the requested records are withheld in accordance with our regulations. Upon receipt of your deposit and written agreement to accept costs, we will proceed with processing your request and provide an estimate of the time frame for our response.

As an alternative, which could be less expensive, and could produce documents more timely to you, we suggest you consider narrowing the scope of your request. If you need assistance in reformulating your request, you may contact me at (202) 268-2030.

We look forward to hearing from you as to how to proceed with your request. If we do not hear back from you within 14 calendar days of this letter, we will assume you do not wish to incur costs to process your request, and we will close out this request.

Sincerely,



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