



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Via email: 44290-17967956@requests.muckrock.com

Jimmy Tobias
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Dear Mr. Tobias:

On October 5, 2017, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

[A]ny and all records or documents related to meetings or correspondence between officials and staffers at the DOI's Office of the Secretary, and any of the following individuals:

Nancy McNally of the lobbying firm Van Ness Feldman LLP
Sean Taylor of Van Ness Feldman
Jonathan Simon of Van Ness Feldman
Alan Mintz of van Ness Feldman.

This request only seeks records that pertain to the National Park service's "water bottle ban", also known as PM 11-03. The date of this request spans the period of January 20, 2017 to the present.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on October 5, 2017, and assigned control number **OS-2018-00081**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Today, we are writing to respond to your request on behalf of the Office of the Secretary. The information you are seeking regarding the Secretarial calendars up to September 2017 is publicly available at the following website: <https://www.doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars>

In addition, on behalf of the Office of the Secretary, please find enclosed, one file consisting of 4 pages, which are being released to you in their entirety.

Because your entitlements as a “media-use requester” (*see* 43 C.F.R. § 2.39) were sufficient to cover all applicable FOIA charges, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

This completes our response to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
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College Park, MD 20740-6001
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Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department’s FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the issues discussed in this letter and/or your request status, you may contact Cynthia Sweeney via phone at 202-513-0765, fax at 202-219-2374, e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov, or via mail delivery service at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer