

EXHIBIT A

[via email to TreasFOIA@Treasury.gov]

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Dear Mr. Law:

I write on behalf of myself and Matthew Stoller. We are independent journalists in the process of researching the policies of the Clinton Treasury Department under the leadership of Robert Rubin and Larry Summers. We request records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Background

During the 2016 Presidential campaign, Facebook Chief Operating Officer and former Treasury Secretary Chief of Staff Sheryl Sandberg was reportedly under consideration for the position of Treasury Secretary by Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

Ms. Sandberg's tenure at Treasury coincided with Congress's passing of legislation that dramatically reduced regulation of the financial sector, leading to systemic issues that played a significant role in the financial crisis of 2008.

Given that Ms. Sandberg has great influence in the Democratic Party, her activities during her tenure at Treasury are highly relevant to the public and necessary to evaluate her record as a steward of the U.S. economy.

The records requested offer critical insight necessary for such evaluation.

Requests

We request the following records concerning former Treasury Secretary Chief of Staff Sheryl Sandberg:

I. Topics

All of Ms. Sandberg's records relating to:

- A. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
- B. The Commodities Futures Modernization Act
- C. China Permanent Normal Trade Relations (or PNTR)
- D. Glass-Steagall
- E. Brooksley Born, former Chairperson of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission (or CFTC)
- F. Google Inc.

Records are defined as: emails, letters, directives, transcripts, memos, and notes. The timeframe for these records is 1996 through 2000.

II. Treasury Correspondence

All of Ms. Sandberg's correspondence with the following individuals:

- A. Members of Congress or Congressional staff.
- B. Members of the News Media*.
- C. Former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.
- D. Any employees or representatives of Google, including but not limited to: Eric Schmidt and Larry Page
- E. Any employees or representatives of Kleiner Perkins Caufield
- F. Any employees of Citicorp, Travelers Group, JP Morgan, Chase Bank, BankAmerica, Nationsbank, Wells Fargo, Goldman Sachs, Long Term Capital, or Berkshire Hathaway

*News Media is defined as the following organizations: Businessweek, the Financial Times, Barron's, The Washington Post; The New York Times; The Wall Street Journal; CBS News; ABC News; NBC News; MSNBC; CNN; and Fox News.

The timeframe for these records is 1996 through 2000.

III. Later Correspondence

All notes of any meetings and all emails between Ms. Sandberg and the following Treasury Secretaries **after she left office**:

- A. Larry Summers
- B. Paul O'Neill
- C. Kenneth Dam
- D. John Snow
- E. Robert Kimmitt
- F. Henry Paulson
- G. Stuart Levey
- H. Timothy Geithner
- I. Neal Wolin
- J. Jack Lew
- K. Adam Szubin
- L. Steven Mnuchin

Prior Request

Please be advised that a significant percentage of this material was previously requested by Mr. Stoller in 2013. He has not received any substantive response to date.

In addition, I draw your attention to President Obama's January 21, 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."

Furnishment of Electronic Records

As required under FOIA, please furnish all responsive records in electronic format to: info@alyonaminkovski.com.

Fee Waiver

This request is made as a part of a newsgathering effort and not for commercial use, and therefore is eligible for a waiver of fees.

We are both journalists individuals primarily engaged in publicizing information in order to inform the public concerning actual or alleged government activity.

I am an independent journalist who has appeared as a commentator on MSNBC, CNN, Comedy Central, and Fusion. As the lead political host for the streaming news network HuffPost Live, I traveled the country covering the 2016 election and conducted extensive in studio interviews with high profile guests, including President Jimmy Carter, Senator Bernie Sanders, General Stanley McChrystal, and former CIA Director Michael Hayden.

Matthew Stoller is a policymaker who focuses on industrial organization, monopoly power, and market structure. From 2011-2012, he was a fellow at the Roosevelt Institute and an editor of the financial site Naked Capitalism. He also starred on "Brand X with Russell Brand" on the FX network, and was a writer and consultant for the show. Prior to that, he produced for MSNBC's The Dylan Ratigan Show. He has consulted for variety of clients, including think tanks, corporations, and NGOs. His writing has appeared in the New York Times, Vice, Salon, The New Republic, and The Nation.

Certification

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Further Correspondence

Please direct all correspondence regarding this request to info@alyonaminkovski.com. Please also cc my attorney Daniel Novack (dan@novackmedialaw.com).

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Alyona Minkovski and Matthew Stoller