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August 29, 2018

Freedom of Information Request
FOIA and Transparency
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Freedom of Information Act Request for Nathan Sheets documents

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the “FOIA”), I request as a reporter for National Public Radio, Inc. (NPR) that you make available to me for inspection and copying the following Treasury Department documents (which include electronic records):

1. Any and all written communications sent or received by former Treasury undersecretary for international affairs Nathan Sheets (“Sheets”) relating or referring to Alexander Torshin (“Torshin”) from January 2015 to present.
2. Any and all written communications sent or received by former Treasury undersecretary for international affairs Nathan Sheets relating or referring to Maria Butina or Mariia Butina (“Butina”) from January 2015 to present.
3. Any and all written communications sent or received by employees in the Office of International Affairs referring to Torshin or Butina from January 2015 to present.
4. Any and all documents reflecting communications or discussions referring or relating to a meeting Sheets had with Torshin and Butina in April 2015.
5. Any and all notes taken by Sheets or his employees of the Office of International Affairs in the meeting with Torshin and Butina held in April 2015.

As you know, the FOIA provides that if portions of a document are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed. Therefore, please send me all non-exempt portions of the records I have requested and justify any deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the FOIA. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any materials.

Since some of the documents listed above may be more readily available than others, please provide the documents that are available as soon as possible without waiting to provide access to all the documents.

The FOIA provides for waiver or reduction of fees if disclosure could be considered as “primarily benefiting the general public.” I am a journalist employed by NPR and intend to use the information I am requesting as a basis for a planned news story, which makes me a “representative of the news media.”

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Therefore, I ask that you waive all duplication fees. If you deny this request, however, and the fees will exceed \$250, please notify me of the charges before you fulfill my request so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver.

I submit this request in my capacity as a journalist, and this information is time-sensitive. Accordingly, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or email, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. I can be reached at 202-870-7566 or tmak@npr.org.

You can also communicate with anyone in NPR's Legal Department, including, Micah Ratner, Counsel, who can be reached at 202-513-2045 or mratner@npr.org.

I look forward to receiving your reply within twenty (20) business days, as required by federal law.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this FOIA request.

Sincerely,

Tim Mak