

# Exhibit H

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U.S. Secret Service  
FOIA Officer  
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Re: EXPEDITED FOIA Request for Approved Travel Expense Information forms mentioning Trump properties

Dear Information Officer:

I am a representative of the Washington Post, a news media organization primarily engaged in the dissemination of information that is urgently needed to inform the public of actual or alleged Federal Government activity. This request qualifies for expedited processing because: **1) knowledge of government payments to President Trump's businesses is a matter of current exigency to the American public; 2) delay in releasing information about government payments to President Trump's businesses will compromise the recognized public interest in being informed of federal spending directed to the president's private company; 3) the payments are clearly federal government activity; and 4) there are credible claims, including by the House Oversight Committee, that aspects of the government's payments to Trump businesses are improper.** I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (See *Al-Fayed v. C.I.A.*, 254 F.3d 300, 310 (D.C. Cir. 2001); *Bloomberg, L.P. v. U.S. Food & Drug Admin.*, 500 F.Supp.2d 371, 378 (S.D.N.Y. 2007).

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request the following:

**Any "Approved Travel Expense Information" forms produced since January 1, 2017 which contain any of the following words or phrases in the "Vendor" field:**

- 1.) Trump National Golf Club**
- 2.) Trump Natl Golf Club**
- 3.) Trump Intl Hotel**
- 4.) Trump International Hotel**
- 5.) Trump Hotel**
- 6.) Trump Hotel Las Vegas**
- 7.) Mar-a-Lago Club**

8.) Mar a Lago

9.) MaraLago

**The existence of these records has already been acknowledged by the Secret Service in response to FOIA#20170486, which was released to the group Public Citizen earlier this year. I am seeking additional records of the kind already released by the Secret Service in response to that FOIA. I am attaching several Approved Travel Expense Information forms released in that FOIA which show payments to “Trump National Golf Club” in the vendor field.**

If you regard these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA’s disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, **please release all segregable, non-exempt portions** of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether 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 required by the statute, please review whether there is any foreseeable harm from disclosing the requested records, or if any potential harm would be limited in comparison to the public interest in disclosure. As required by the statute, please release all such information, even if it technically may fall under a FOIA exemption.

As a representative of the news media, The Washington Post qualifies for **news media fee status** under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) and, therefore, may not be charged search and review fees. (See *National Security Archive v. U.S. Department of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381 (D.C. Cir. 1989), cert denied, 110 S Ct. 1478 (1990)). This request is made as part of a scholarly and news research project that is intended for publication and is not for commercial use. For details on the Post’s news reporting activities please see our website at [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com).

As you know, the FOIA prohibits agencies from charging news media organizations duplication fees if the agency does not meet its twenty working day time limit (thirty working days for “unusual” requests).

Additionally, because this information will be used by the Washington Post for the preparation of news articles that will be broadly disseminated to the general public, it will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the Post’s commercial interest. As such, please grant a **fee waiver** for any remaining fees incurred.

Please notify me before incurring any cost over \$100.

To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis in **electronic format** as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any questions regarding my request, including its scope, please contact me at [fahrenthold@washpost.com](mailto:fahrenthold@washpost.com), or by phone at 202.334.7550.

Sincerely,

**David Fahrenthold**  
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