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United States Secret Service Communications Center  
245 Murray Lane  
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Re: EXPEDITED FOIA Request for spending records during Trump family foreign travel.

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 U.S. government spending at a sitting president's business is a matter of current exigency to the American public; 2) delay in releasing information about such spending will compromise the recognized public interest in being informed of the use of taxpayer funds; 3) U.S. Secret Service travel spending is clearly federal government activity; and 4) there are credible claims, including in our previous reporting, that aspects of the government's activity, such as charging U.S. agencies at elevated rates (i.e. charging the U.S. Secret Service \$650 per night per room at Mar-a-Lago, see: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/secret-service-has-paid-rates-as-high-as-650-a-night-for-rooms-at-trumps-properties/2020/02/06/7f27a7c6-3ec5-11ea-8872-5df698785a4e\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/secret-service-has-paid-rates-as-high-as-650-a-night-for-rooms-at-trumps-properties/2020/02/06/7f27a7c6-3ec5-11ea-8872-5df698785a4e_story.html)) is 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:

**I request copies of any United States Secret Service "Foreign Protective Travel Cost Tracking Worksheets" that pertain to the following foreign visits of President Trump, Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump, Ivanka Trump or Tiffany Trump to Trump Organization properties or related business travel overseas:**

- 1) Weekend of December 2-4, 2016. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 2) Week of January 1-7, 2017. Location of visit: Punta del Este, Uruguay. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 3) Weekend of February 17-19, 2017. Location of visit: Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Trump International Golf Club Dubai). Protectees: Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump.
- 4) Week of February 26 – March 4, 2017. Location of visit: Vancouver, Canada (Trump International Hotel and Tower Vancouver). Protectees: Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump and Tiffany Trump.
- 5) Week of April 9-15, 2017. Location of visit: Doonbeg, Ireland. (Trump International Golf Links and Hotel Doonbeg). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 6) Week of April 9-15, 2017. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.

- 7) Week of April 9-15, 2017. Location of visit: Doonbeg, Ireland (Trump International Golf Links and Hotel Doonbeg). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 8) Week of June 25-July 1, 2017. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 9) Week of June 25-July 1, 2017. Location of visit: Aberdeen, Scotland. (Trump International Golf Links Scotland). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 10) Week of August 4-10, 2017. Location of visit: Doonbeg, Ireland. (Trump International Golf Links and Hotel Doonbeg). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 11) Month of August 2017. Location of visit: Vancouver, Canada. (Trump International Hotel and Tower Vancouver.) Protectee: Donald Trump Jr.
- 12) Week of Oct 20, 2017. Location of visit: Aberdeen, Scotland. (Trump International Golf Links Scotland). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 13) Week of January 1-6, 2018. Location of visit: Punta del Este, Uruguay. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 14) Weekend of January 6-8, 2018. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 15) Week of February 4-10, 2018. Location of visit: Aberdeen, Scotland. (Trump International Golf Links Scotland). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 16) Week of February 25 – March 3, 2018. Location of visit: Doonbeg, Ireland. (Trump International Golf Links and Hotel Doonbeg). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 17) Week of March 4-10, 2018. Location of visit: Aberdeen, Scotland. (Trump International Golf Links Scotland). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 18) Week of April 1-7, 2018. Location of visit: Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Trump International Golf Club Dubai). Protectees: Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump.
- 19) Week of April 15-21, 2018. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 20) Week of April 29-May 5, 2018. Location of visit: Aberdeen, Scotland. (Trump International Golf Links Scotland.) Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 21) Week of June 10-16, 2018. Location of visit: Aberdeen, Scotland. (Trump International Golf Links Scotland.) Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 22) Between June 24 and July 3, 2018. Location of visit: Doonbeg, Ireland. (Trump International Golf Links and Hotel Doonbeg). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 23) July 13-15, 2018. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry. Protectee: President Donald Trump.
- 24) Weeks of July 8-21, 2018. Location of visit. Aberdeen, Scotland. (Trump International Golf Links Scotland). Protectee: Eric Trump and Donald Trump Jr. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump and Donald Trump Jr.
- 25) Week of July 29-Aug 4, 2018. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 26) Week of August 12-18, 2018. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 27) Week of January 6-12, 2019. Location of visit: Punta del Este, Uruguay. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 28) Weeks of March 3-16, 2019. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 29) Week of April 21-17, 2019. Location of visit: Aberdeen, Scotland. (Trump International Golf Links Scotland). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 30) Weeks of May 12-25, 2019. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. And Aberdeen, Scotland (Trump International Golf Links Scotland). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 31) June 5-7, 2019. Location of visit: Doonbeg, Ireland. (Trump International Golf Links and Hotel Doonbeg). Protectee: President Donald Trump.
- 32) Week of August 11-17, 2019. Location of visit: Jakarta, Indonesia. Protectee: Donald Trump Jr.
- 33) Week of Sept 22-28, 2019. Location of visit: Aberdeen, Scotland. (Trump International Golf Links Scotland). Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 34) Week of February 2-8, 2020. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.

- 35) Week of February 23-29, 2020. Location of visit: Trump Turnberry, Scotland. Protectee: Eric Trump.
- 36) February 15-29, 2020. Location of visit: St. Martin. (Le Chateau des Palmiers). Protectee: Eric Trump.

On several occasions, the Secret Service has released these "Foreign Protective Travel Cost Tracking Worksheets" through previous FOIAs, such as in these cases:

- 1) <https://www.citizensforethics.org/eric-trump-business-trip-uruguay-80k/>
- 2) <https://www.citizensforethics.org/don-jr-mongolian-sheep-hunt-cost-17k/>

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).

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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 [Joshua.partlow@washpost.com](mailto:Joshua.partlow@washpost.com) or +1 202 334 8385 (office) or +1 202 299 4580 (cell).

Sincerely,



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