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Dear Sir or Madame,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C., section 552 for any and all documents, memos, electronic mail, reports, analysis, letters, correspondence on file with the Office of Management and Budget pertaining to the agreement reached to settle litigation in the case known as "Chevron U.S.A., Inc.; Conoco, Inc.; Murphy Exploration and Production Company Plaintiffs v. United States of America Defendants" pending in U.S. Federal Court of Claims regarding Destin Dome 56 unit leases.

Since this information is being requested in the public's interest, I request that any fees associated with compiling, searching, copying, transferring, electronic conversion of this data be waived.

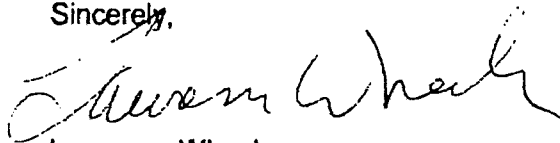
In January 1983, the Department of Justice issued fee waiver guidelines setting forth five specific criteria, developed in numerous court decisions, for federal agencies to determine eligibility. Those guidelines are: (1) whether there was a genuine public interest in the subject matter of the request; (2) whether the responsive records were informative on the issue of public interest; (3) whether the requested information was already in the public domain; (4) whether the requester had the qualifications and ability to use and disseminate the information; and (5) whether the benefit to the general public was outweighed by any commercial or personal benefit to the requester.

I assert this request meets all five criteria.

If for any reason your office determines any portion of this request is eligible for exclusion, or any part of this request is denied, altered or changed, I anticipate a prompt notification and a detailed explanation.

Because I am making this request as a journalist and it is of timely value, please contact me by telephone, rather than by mail. My number is below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence Wheeler".

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