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Eileen Leshan  
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Dear Ms. Leshan,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552, as amended), I hereby request disclosure of the following records for inspection and possible copying:

Records held by your agency related to the Vice President's National Energy Policy Development Group (Energy Task Force) leading to the issuance of *National Energy Policy: Report of the National Energy Policy Development Group*, including:

- a. Records identifying the members of the Task Force and any and all working groups, subcommittees or other groups reporting to the Task Force.
- b. Records relating to the purpose or work plan of the Task Force and any and all working groups, subcommittees or other groups formed to assist the Task Force.
- c. The calendars dating from January 21, 2001 to the present of the agency head and any senior agency staff performing work related to the Task Force.
- d. Minutes, notes or other records of meetings attended by the agency head or any agency staff relating to the work of the Task Force.
- e. Records relating to any contractors or temporary full-time employees hired by the agency regarding the work of the Task Force, including, but not limited to the contracts with these individuals, their resumes, and their SF-171 or OF-612 forms.
- f. Records relating to communications between agency personnel and members of the Presidential transition team regarding the Task Force.
- g. Records regarding any efforts by agency personnel or the Task Force to screen for conflicts of interest or bias among the individuals or groups providing advice relating to the work of the Task Force.
- h. Records prepared by agency personnel relating to the work of the Task Force.

- i. Records received from non-agency individuals or groups, contractors or temporary full-time agency employees relating to the work of the Task Force.
- j. Records relating to solicitation of advice from individuals or groups regarding the work of the Task Force that have not already been included in response to any of the categories above.

If you regard any of these records as exempt from required disclosure under the Act, I hereby request that you exercise your discretion to disclose them nevertheless. If you should decide not to exercise your discretion to disclose any records, I ask that you provide all non-exempt portions that are reasonably segregable, as required by 5 U.S.C. §552 (b) and the United States Supreme Court decision in NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 421 U.S. 132 (1975), and that you justify all withheld portions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act.

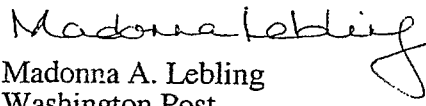
*Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(6)(E), I hereby request expedited processing of this request for records. I am a journalist with an urgent need to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activities to which the requested records may relate. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

I further request that you disclose the listed documents as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been assembled.

I am making this request on behalf of the Washington Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and throughout the United States. The records disclosed pursuant to this request will be used in the preparation of news articles for dissemination to the public. Accordingly, I request that, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (a) (4) (A), you waive all fees in the public interest because the furnishing of the information sought by this request is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. If, however, you decline to waive all fees, I am prepared to pay your normal fees for news media requesters, but I request that you notify me if you expect the fees to exceed \$100.

I look forward to hearing from you within the twenty-day statutory time period, if not before.

Sincerely,

  
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