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February 24, 2017

Associate General Counsel (General Law) Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.

Re: Appeal of FOIA request 20170026DHS002

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a Freedom of Information Act administrative appeal. After twenty working days, the Secret Service Administration has not provided an acknowledgement or response to National Security Archive FOIA request **20170026DHS002.** I find this an adverse determination and am appealing.

On January 23, 2017 I filed a FOIA request to the Secret Service Administration for:

The Worker and Visitor Entrance System (WAVES) records and Access Control Records System (ACR) records for Friday, January 20, 2017, Saturday, January 21, 2017, and Sunday, January 22, 2017.

This request specifically seeks the same 28 fields of data that are displayed in the enclosed screenshots of the White House Visitor Records Requests website. (Attached)

To date, I have received no letter from the Secret Service acknowledging my request or and documents produced as a result of my request.

In addition to this procedural adverse determination, as you consider this appeal please also consider that since 2009 the majority of the components of the requested visitor logs have been posted by the White House at 90 to 120 day intervals with no harm to government or presidential function and much public benefit.

Finally, these are key agency records, created by the Secret Service in the performance of its statutory responsibilities.

Thank you for promptly responding to this appeal.

Sincerely,

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January 23, 2017

FOIA Officer Secret Service Communications Center (FOIA/PA) 245 Murray Lane Building T-5 Washington, D.C. 20223

Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply refer to Archive: 20170026DHS002

Dear FOIA Officer:

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

The Worker and Visitor Entrance System (WAVES) records and Access Control Records System (ACR) records for Friday, January 20, 2017, Saturday, January 21, 2017, and Sunday, January 22, 2017.

This request specifically seeks the same 28 fields of data that are displayed in the enclosed screenshots of the White House Visitor Records Requests website.

If you regard any of 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 reasonably segregable non exempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not 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 a representative of the news media, the National Security Archive qualifies for "representative of the news media" status under 5 U.S.C. Sec. 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 Archive's research and extensive publication activities please see our website at <u>www.nsarchive.org</u>.

To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. Please notify me before incurring any photocopying costs over \$100.

If you have any questions regarding the identity of these records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me by phone at (646) 792-7254 or via e-mail at foiamail@gwu.edu.

Sincerely,

Kate Doyle

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