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CERTIFIED MAIL

April 19, 2017

Mr. Patrick Malone
The Center for Public Integrity
910 17th Street Northwest Seventh Floor
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Malone:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2017-00854)

This letter is in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted electronically to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Headquarters FOIA Office dated October 6, 2015. In your request you asked for records reviewed in the course of generating the DOE IG Special Report, DOE/IG-0946, titled "The Department of Energy's Freedom of Information Act Process." In a letter dated March 27, 2017, the IG forwarded one document (Document Number. 189) to this office for review and to determine releasability as certain portions of the document were originated with the DOE Richland Operations Office (RL).

The document has been reviewed by this office and is enclosed. Please note the IG has made certain redactions within the document pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA. The IG provided you with a response dated March 7, 2017, specifically providing you with the rationale for the redactions. This office has made no redactions to the document.

If you disagree with the IG's redactions under FOIA Exemption 6 or you believe the search conducted by the IG was inadequate, you have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8 for the response provided to you. Your appeal shall be filed within 90 days after receipt of this letter. You may submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. Alternatively, any such appeal may be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615.

You may contact DOE RL's FOIA Public Liaison, Richard Buel, at (509) 376-3375, or by mail at P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Communications
and External Affairs

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Enclosure

From: Riehle, Dorothy C
To: (b)(6) OIG
Cc:
Subject: RE: Phone discussion regarding the Office of Inspector General's Review of the Department's FOIA Process (S15IS018)
Date: Friday, July 24, 2015 12:46:50 PM
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Hello,

Per your request, attached is a copy of the Document Clearance Form. This form is used on all DOE RL/ORP-generated documents that have not been previously cleared for public release.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

Dorothy Riehle
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Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 11:16 AM
To: (b)(6) OIG
Cc:
Subject: RE: Phone discussion regarding the Office of Inspector General's Review of the Department's FOIA Process (S15IS018)

Hello,

I just left you a voice mail message – Thursday at Noon PST would work. Please me know if this is ok or if other time would work better for you.

Thank you.

Dorothy Riehle



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