



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT

Privacy Information and Records Management Services

January 13, 2012

William Wilson
President
Americans for Limited Government
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Fairfax, VA 22031

RE: FOIA Request No. 10-00805-F

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is an interim response to your February 17, 2010, correspondence requesting information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request. You asked for copies of records pertain to the travel and activities of Secretary Arne Duncan that were created on or after January 20, 2009. Specifically, you asked for the following information:

- All records relating to daily schedules including attendees at meetings held by and attended by Secretary Duncan;
- All records relating to travel performed by Secretary Duncan on behalf of the Department of Education including disbursements issued to him or on his behalf for such travel; and
- All records relating to speeches given on behalf of the Department by Secretary Duncan including the text of any speeches given.

Enclosed is a CD containing additional 199 pages of documents responsive to your request. However, certain information has been withheld according to the FOIA exemptions specified below:

- Records or portions of records relating to pre-decisional internal communications have been withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) of the FOIA and Departmental regulation 34 CFR §5.73(a). These provisions require us to withhold the government's deliberative process privilege, *inter alia*, protecting records of pre-decisional internal communications reflecting the views or recommendations of agency employees in connection with the government policy or legal matters that are both pre-decisional and deliberative in nature.
- Personal information under exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and Departmental regulation 34 CFR § 5.71(a), permits agencies to withhold personal information. Disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The Department is continuing to process your request with regards to documents that require some redactions, and your FOIA request case file remains open. It will not close until the Department provides you with a final response regarding outstanding information.

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We regret the delay in replying to your request. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Service Center at 202-401-8365 or EDFOIAManager@ed.gov.

Sincerely,



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FOIA Public Liaison, OM/PIRMS

Enclosures