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Dear FOIA Officer,

Under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I am requesting copies of all contracts with Blackwater Security Consulting. I request copies of the contracts, modifications and reports pertaining to the contract. I am aware of at least one contract, numbered GS07F0149K. My request includes the abovementioned contract but is not limited to it.

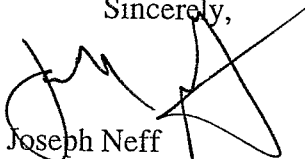
If there are any fees for searching for, or copying, the records I have requested, please supply the records if the fees do not exceed \$200.

As you know, the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request fits the category. I am a reporter and will publish what I find. I therefore ask that you waive any fees.

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) which you think justifies your refusal to release the information and inform me of your agency's administrative appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I look forward to hearing from you within 20 days, as the law stipulates.

Sincerely,



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