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RE:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

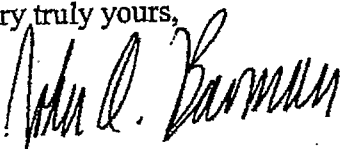
Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, I am requesting access to all records, laws, regulations, Social Security Rulings, working documents [including analysis, recommendations, memoranda and minutes of meetings] that culminated in the Appeals Council Decision dated January 28, 2005, for my client. Reference TAHB

The Act permits you to reduce or waive fees when the release of information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request fits that category and I therefore ask that you waive all fees.

If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) which you think justifies your refusal to release the records, and inform me of the appeal procedures available to my client under the law.

I look forward to hearing from you within 20 days, as the law stipulates. See also 20 CFR Part 401 (expanded) and regulations implementing FOIA now placed in new 20 CFR Part 402, all because SSA moved to independent agency status in March 1995. Part 402 provisions replace the FOIA regulations in former Part 422, which were "removed and reserved" [62 F.R. 4142 1/29/97].

Very truly yours,



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