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 U.S. Treasury Department
 Washington D.C. 20220

VIA FAX: 202-622-2427

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This is a request under the federal Freedom of Information Act, as amended, 5 USC 552.

I am seeking from the Office of Foreign Assets Control all documents, memos, correspondence, phone messages, handwritten notes and electronic mail detailing OFAC's handling of a freedom of information act requests from attorney Monroe Leigh, the law firm Steptoe, Johnson or other lawyers concerning the Texaco/Haiti matter and its subsequent relevance to the U.S. attorney or Treasury inspector general.

This should include but not be limited to:

- all records detailing Mr. Leigh's or his firm's request for documents and OFAC's subsequent disposition of the matter;
- all documents turned over to Mr. Leigh or Steptoe, Johnson under the FOIA process in this matter;
- all memos, correspondence, phone messages, handwritten messages, diary or calendar notations or electronic mail concerning discussions about the propriety of OFAC's actions in this matter. This should include but not be limited to any discussion of documents that may not have been turned over to the U.S. attorney or Treasury IG.

Any and all records handwritten, typed or electronic on these matters produced for or by Elton Ellison, Betsy Scott, Dorene Erhard, William Wasley, Richard Newcomb, Joan McConnell, Barbara Stergis, John Roth, Steve Plitman and Robert Sheridan on these matters. This should include any calendar notations, handwritten notes, file memos, phone messages, electronic mail, draft memorandum and other correspondence.

I am requesting this information for the purpose of possible public dissemination in a news article and therefore request that you waive charges pursuant to 5 USC 552 (a) (4) (A), Fed. Reg. 7000, section 1900.25. I am a full-time journalist employed by The Associated Press.

If you deny this request for a waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my waiver request.

I request that this information be expedited under the Clinton administration's new FOIA policy. And to speed up the process, I ask that you provide documents as they are located or become available.

As I am making this request in the capacity of a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your assistance, and I will look forward to receiving your reply within 10 business days, as required by law.

Sincerely,

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