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Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

FOIA REQUEST
Fee benefit requested

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Dear Coordinator:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of all records that include data on, or summaries of, the search warrants, subpoenas and court orders served annually by the Central Intelligence Agency against the following companies: Google, Yahoo!, Microsoft, AOL, Facebook, Twitter and MySpace. I request these annual records for each of the previous ten years.

My request is not for individual search warrants, subpoenas or court orders, or details contained within those records. I appreciate that these are not available under the Freedom of Information Act. I only seek records that provide summaries, statistical or otherwise, of the number and nature of search warrants, subpoenas or court orders issued annually to the companies listed above.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$200. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on government access to the personal data held by web service providers. This information is of current interest to the public because users of these services are entitled to know how their personal data can be accessed by third parties. This information is being sought on behalf of *New Scientist* magazine for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

Please provide expedited processing of this request, which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about government access to data held by internet companies because the Federal Trade Commission is currently consulting on consumer data and privacy. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request. I can be reached on

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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