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Ms. Heather Akers-Healy
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Dear Ms. Akers-Healy:

This acknowledges receipt of your 11 August 2014 letter regarding your 14 June 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

“Contracts, agreements, purchase orders, and any correspondence or communications with Google Special Services, Inc. or Google Federal, including email...”

Specifically, your letter is in response to our 2 July 2014 letter in which we asked you to clarify your request. You are now requesting contracts, agreements, purchase orders, and correspondence and communications that are related to Google Special Services, Inc. or Google Federal, including email. We can conduct a search on your modified request.

I must consider your request for a fee waiver under the standards the Agency FOIA regulations outline, which you will find at Part 1900 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and Department of Justice guidance. I have reviewed your request under those standards to determine “if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” Your request does not meet these standards because disclosing the information you seek is not “likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the United States Government.” I therefore deny your request for a fee waiver.

You may appeal this decision, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to appeal the denial of your request for a fee waiver, you are encouraged to provide an explanation supporting your appeal. Agency regulations also specify that if the Agency has started to process a request, the Agency may only accept an appeal of a fee waiver denial if the requester agrees to be responsible for the costs in the event of an adverse administrative or judicial decision.

Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the "all other" fee category, which may require you to pay charges to cover the cost of searching for and reproducing responsive records (if any) beyond the first 100 pages of reproduction and the first two hours of search time, which are free. Copies are ten cents per page.

Before we can begin processing your request, we must receive your commitment to pay all fees incurred under the conditions stated above. We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Meeks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michele Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator