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*Office of the General Counsel  
Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Office*

January 5, 2017

John Greenewald, Jr.  
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**RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA #17-005**

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter is in response to your undated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), which the Agency received on November 18, 2016. In your request, you seek an electronic copy of the FOIA Case Log for the 2015 calendar year.

Since this office receives a large quantity of requests each year, your request was assigned **Reference Number FOIA17-005**. You should refer to this number in all future correspondence so that your file can be located in a timely fashion to provide you with the best service possible.

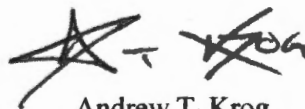
The agency has completed its search for and review of documents responsive to your request, which are on the CD-ROM enclosed with this letter. However, please note that the Agency maintains its FOIA Logs by fiscal year rather than calendar year. No information was withheld from the enclosed documents and all responsive documents located have been provided to you. This concludes the agency's response to your request and it is now closed. There were no chargeable fees associated with this request.

You may contact me or the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison at 202-203-4577 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1 877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Finally, if you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may file an administrative appeal with the Agency by writing to: Chairperson, Access Appeal Committee, BBG, Suite 3349, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20237. Your appeal must be postmarked or transmitted by fax to 202-203-4548 within 90 days of the date of this letter.

If there are any other questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 203-4550 or the Office of the General Counsel at the above address. Currently, inquiries are not accepted via E-mail.

Sincerely,



Andrew T. Krog  
FOIA and Privacy Act Officer



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Number	Received	Requester	Organization (if provided by requester)	Request Description	Responded
001	8-Oct-14	Charles Mierek		proposal documents submitted by the awardee (Capital Energy), and any other submissions for the subject solicitation, and any documents which have information regarding the selection and the selection process with a date range of January 1, 2013 to the current time	24-Nov-14
002	8-Oct-14	Paul Marszalek		a copy of the report filed by Federal Management Partners, authored by Ken Holecko, and filed to the Board with regard to the examination of possible prohibited personnel practices at the BBG related to the appointment of the Director of Global Strategy at the BBG	19-Mar-15
003	17-Oct-14	Scott H. Amey (Referred from OMB)	Project on Government Oversight (POGO)	Charge Card Management Plans from each executive agency as well as certain violation reports	23-Mar-15
004	30-Oct-14	Kenitra Miles		for a copy of the successful candidate's application, resume, interview questions, and all other related materials submitted under vacancy announcement M/P-13-33, as well as the rating score and evaluation criteria	26-Mar-15
005	20-Oct-14	Jeff Stachewicz	FOIA Group Inc	the contract and task orders (with relevant SOW/PWS), modifications, and source selection documents associated with BBG50R140528	31-Jul-15
006	14-Oct-14	Gary Thomas		the post-2001 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Broadcasting Board of Governors and the Department of State regarding the exempting of Voice of American correspondents from ambassadorial authority	11-May-15
007	21-Nov-14	Rachael Tackett		Contracts, grant agreements, cooperative agreements, and memorandum of understanding between the Broadcasting Board of Governors and Radio Free Asia. Copies of subcontracts, subgrants, sub cooperative agreements, and sub memorandum of understanding for any contracts, grant agreements, cooperative agreements, and memorandum of understanding between the Broadcasting Board of Governors and Radio Free Asia. Meeting agendas, transcripts, summaries, attachments, briefing materials, documents, reports, records, budgets, audits, correspondence (sent or received), and audio/video recordings of the Internet Anti-Censorship Committee (also referred to as the IAC). In addition, any records and documents submitted to the Internet Anti-Censorship Committee. All emails and email attachments to, cc, bcc, and from the BBG IAC Committee email address. Meeting agendas, transcripts, summaries, attachments, briefing materials, documents, reports, records, budgets, audits, correspondence (sent or received) and audio/video recordings of the Advisory Committee. In addition, any records and documents submitted to the BBG Advisory Committee. All emails and email attachments to, cc, bcc, and from the BBG Advisory Committee email address. Meeting agendas, transcripts, summaries, attachments, briefing materials, documents, reports, records, budgets, audits, correspondence (sent or received), and audio/video recordings of the closed meetings of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Meeting agendas, transcripts, summaries, attachments, briefing materials, documents, reports, records, budgets, audits, correspondence (sent or received) and audio/video recordings of the quarterly Internet freedom funders meeting that is held between State's DRL, USAID, and BBG's IAC. In addition, any records and documents submitted to the quarterly Internet freedom funders meeting. Records, documents, reports, updates, budgets, memorandum, program evaluations for the IAC (Internet Anti-Censorship) funds. The program spend plan that Broadcasting Board of Governors is required to submit to the Committees on Appropriation as required by the FY2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act. Portfolio reviews of the Open Technology Fund. Records (including emails, correspondence, documents, reports, etc) about the Office of the Inspector General's concerns regarding the Broadcasting Board of Governors oversight of its grantees and the GPRA (Government Performance and Results Act) Modernization Act of 2010. Records, documents, memorandum of understanding, interagency agreements, etc about DARPA and DARPA's SAFER program.	30-Jun-15

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008	21-Nov-14	Rachael Tackett		Interagency agreements between the Broadcasting Board of Governors and: USAID, Department of State, DARPA. Records, documents, contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, memorandum of understanding, updates, purchase orders, notice/approvals for subcontracts, periodical and annual reports, and performance monitoring & evaluations for: Washington Software, Emergent Space Technologies, UltraReach, Psiphon, Dynamic Internet Technology (DIT), Oliver and Coady, Tor Solutions Group, Moria Research Labs, Freedom2Connect Foundation, Records and documents about the Office of Cuba Broadcasting's Social Network Research. Records and documents about the Office of Cuba Broadcasting's "OCB email address/ cell phone number harvesting". Records regarding Michael P. Meehan's meeting with Mozilla's Chairperson (as mentioned in the OTF Monthly Report to the BBG for September 2013) The International Broadcasting Bureau's Manual of Operations and Administration The Broadcasting Administrative Manual (also referred to as BAM). The Broadcasting Board of Governors' system of records notices (SORNs) as required by the Privacy Act of 1974. All annual reports that the Office of Administration prepares for the OMB as required by the Privacy Act of 1974.	30-Jun-15
009	21-Nov-14	Rachael Tackett		a copy of records regarding the Broadcasting Board of Governor's implementation of and compliance with" the following Public Laws: 98 -111 "Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act"; 102-484 "Cuba Democracy Act of 1992"; 107-148 "Radio Free Afghanistan Act"; 108-333 "North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004"; 108-347 "Belarus Democracy Act of 2004"; 109-293 "Iran Freedom and Support Act"; 109-480 "Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2006"; 110-346 "North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2008"; 111-202 "A bill to permanently authorize Radio Free Asia, and for other purposes."; 112-82 "Belarus Democracy and Human Rights Act of 2011"; 112-158 "Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012"; 112-172 "Ambassador James R. Lilley and Congressman Stephen J. Solarz North Korea Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2012"; 113-96 "United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions"	28-Nov-14
010	26-Nov-14	Marquis Laude	Integrated Security Solutions, Inc.	the contract numbers, period of performance, contractor's name, and total contract award dollar value for the incumbent contractor currently performing the services being solicited under RFP BBG50-R-15-0002	30-Dec-14
011	9-Dec-14	Michael Phillis		Information related to PHD/MOD: BBGsoP140205, specifically: The original request for proposal and attachments or amendments; Any and all documents relating to Glocoms bid; Contract award documents and documents relating to the decision of the award; Any and all past performance evaluations for Glocoms possibly referred to as audits or vendor past performance; Billing statements showing how much Glocoms was paid for their work; Modifications for all solicitations and contract awards; Any and all evaluations related to the contract(s) referred to above including but not limited to those related to their performance; Any and all resumes/statements claiming qualification submitted with or in association with a contract for either Glocoms as an organization or anyone working on behalf of the organization; Any and all certificate of competency checks associated with the firm; Any documents signed by the contracting officer or a member of Glocoms relating to certifying qualifications or disclosures relating to the contract; And documents or correspondents relating to the termination/suspension of the contract if relevant including but not limited to emails; Bid documents of losing bidders and a list of all losing bidders	7-Jul-15
012	9-Dec-14	Abebe Gellaw	Addis Voice	documents related to complaints about VOA Amharic Broadcast (by Henok Semaagezer Fente) on August 12, 2014 that reported on Azusa Pacific University's decision to revoke an honor it had bestowed on Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn	4-Mar-15
013	19-Dec-14	Daniel Robinson		information pertaining to the Voice of America Director David Ensor's presentation during the 2014 VOA Follies	26-Mar-15
014	18-Dec-14	Jason Weisbrot	Snider & Associates, LLC	a copy of BBG security videotape footage for an incident that occurred on the 5th floor of the Cohen Building on October 2, 2014 involving a client.	26-Mar-15
015	6-Jan-15	Ann Noonan	Committee for U.S. International Broadcasting	information pertaining to the preparation, presentation, scheduling, and response to the Voice of America Director David Ensor's 2014 VOA Follies	26-Mar-15

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016	15-Jan-15	Joyce Battle	The National Security Archive	Public opinion polling and analysis of such polling from 1 January 1998 through 31 December 1998 regarding the effect of U.S. policies, including policy toward Iraq, a regional U.S. military buildup, and a continuing stalemate regarding Arab-Israeli issues, on public opinion toward the U.S. in Arab and/or Muslim countries	5-Jun-15
017	16-Jan-15	Luke Rosiak	Washington Examiner	all emails sent from BBG email accounts to addresses ending in senate.gov or house.gov from January 1, 2013 to the date of the search	5-Jun-15
018	Privacy Act Request				
019	25-Feb-15	Riley O'Neill		copies of all records pertaining to Stefan Korbonski and his involvement in Radio Free Europe (RFE)	13-Mar-15
020	3-Mar-15	Patrick Howell O'Neil		copies of all agency records relating to Tor, the Tor Project, and all federal funding regarding the Tor project, including and especially correspondence and emails	28-Aug-15
021	3-Mar-15	Patrick Howell O'Neil		copies of all emails involving hdr22@clintonemail.com relating to Tor, the Tor Project, and all federal funding regarding the Tor Project	30-Mar-15
022	5-Mar-15	Rachel Tackett		A copy of the solicitation for bids or federal business opportunity to which the National Latino Broadcasting responded and submitted a bid. All contract bids, contracts (including addendum, appendices, and supplemental parts of the contracts), agreements, reports (quarterly, annual, and progress reports), audits, budgets, performance & evaluation records/statistics, and all other records in the contract files for: National Latino Broadcasting, SiriusXM Satellite Radio. All correspondence (emails, faxes, letters, etc) to or from: National Latino Broadcasting, SiriusXM Satellite Radio	29-Aug-15
023	4-Apr-15	John Greenwald		a list of all world leaders, American politicians, and prominent figures that have obituaries written about them by the VOA/BBG but are still living and not yet deceased	7-May-15
024	13-Apr-15	James Kennedy		For the time period of September 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014, the percentage of Federal Government Management Officials at the grade of GS-14 or higher who have telework agreements in place for Broadcasting Board of Governors Entities. For the time period of September 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014, the percentage of Federal Government Management Officials at the grade of GS-14 and higher who actually performed duties via telework for Broadcasting Board of Governors Entities. For the time period of September 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014, a listing of the names, titles, organization, and the number of hours of Federal Government Management Officials at the grade of GS-14 and higher who actually performed any of their duties for Broadcasting Board of Governors Entities via telework. The racial and gender demographic percentage breakdown of all Federal Government Management Officials for the Broadcasting Board of Governors at the GS-15 level and above (i.e., male vs. female, Caucasian vs. Latino vs. Asian vs. African American). Total number of African Americans Federal Government Management Officials for the Broadcasting Board of Governors at the GS-15 level and above broken down by gender (male vs. female). For a job announcement open period that occurred at any time between October 1, 2013 and April 1, 2015, what were the total number of BBG job announcements where the full performance level was GS-15 and above. For any job announcement identified under request 6 above, what was the racial and gender demographic percentage breakdown of the total candidate pool for each position (i.e., male vs. female, Caucasian vs. Latino vs. Asian vs. African American). For any job announcement identified under request 6 above, what was the racial and gender demographic percentage breakdown of those candidates who made the certification list candidate pool for each position (i.e., male vs. female, Caucasian vs. Latino vs. Asian vs. African American). For any job announcement identified under request 6 above, what was the racial and gender demographic percentage breakdown of the candidate selected for each position (i.e., male vs. female, Caucasian vs. Latino vs. Asian vs. African American).	28-Aug-15
025	9-Mar-15	Steven Sale (Referred from Department Of State)	Sale & Quinn, P.C.	Documents relating to OIG Hotline No. H2014-0917 and records regarding specific individuals and organizations.	28-May-15

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026	24-Apr-15	Siraj Ahmed		information concerning the qualifications and salaries of employees of VOA's Urdu and Pashtu services, as well as the annual operating budgets for those services	8-Jul-15
027	22-Apr-15	Joan Mower		a copy of the report filed by Federal Management Partners, authored by Ken Holecko, and filed to the Board with regard to the examination of possible prohibited personnel practices at the BBG related to the appointment of the Director of Global Strategy at the BBG	29-May-15
028	Privacy Act Request				
029	11-May-15	Yasha Levine	Pando Daily	all email correspondence within the BBG that includes the term "Yasha Levine" between the dates of January 1, 2014 and May 1, 2015	27-Jul-15
030	17-May-15	Yasha Levine	Pando Daily	copies of the agency's FOIA logs	16-Jul-15
031	18-May-15	John Greenwald		copies of the agency's internal guidance regarding drafting obituaries for individuals prior to their death	5-Jun-15
032	19-May-15	John Greenwald		copies of the agency's draft obituaries for George W. Bush, Steven Spielberg, Chuck Yeager, and Queen Elizabeth	29-May-15
033	19-May-15	Abraham Payton	American Bridge 21st Century	copies of email correspondence between the agency and seven email addresses associated with John Ellis (Jeb) Bush from 2007 to the present	10-Sep-15
034	19-May-15	Rocy Carter	STAcontracting, Inc	information regarding the incumbent contractor for a contract currently being solicited (BBG50-R-15-051215)	11-Sep-15
035	27-May-15	Yasha Levine		all email correspondence (including documents and attachments that are part of the correspondence) between BBG and the following representatives/employees of the Tor Project: ROGER DINGLEDINE; JACOB APPELBAUM, NICK MATHEWSON, ANDREW LEWMAN, KARSTEN LOESING, ANDREA SHEPARD, TOM LOWENTHAL, and MIKE PERRY from 11/1/2004 to 6/5/2015.	15-Dec-15
036	26-May-15	Shawn Musgrave (Referred from Department of State)		A copy of the final report for investigation C2014054 and all communications with Windstar Technologies regarding the investigation.	11-Sep-15
037	12-Jun-15	Scott Parker	Republican National Committee	all records, e-mails, and data of any nature, in any format, that were sent to, received from, or interacted with in any capacity, for any of the following domain names: clintonemail.com, chelsaoffice.com, presidentclinton.com, mail.president.clinton.com, printer, president.clinton.com, or wjcoffice.com for the time period of January 1, 2009 to the present.	15-Sep-15
038	29-Jun-15	Ann Noonan	Committee for U.S. International Broadcasting	All memos, emails, texts or other written correspondence from Matt Armstrong to Paul Kollmer Dorsey which contain any information related to RFE/RL, RFA, or MBN corporate information. All memos, emails, texts or other written correspondence from Matt Armstrong to Paul Kollmer Dorsey which have any RFE/RL, RFA, or MBN corporate information attached or enclosed. All memos, emails, texts or other written correspondence from Matt Armstrong to Joan Mower which contain any information related to RFE/RL, RFA, or MBN corporate information. All memos, emails, texts or other written correspondence from Matt Armstrong to Joan Mower which have RFE/RL, RFA, or MBN corporate information attached or enclosed. All memos, emails, texts or other written correspondence from Matt Armstrong to Robert Boles which contain any RFE/RL, RFA, or MBN corporate information. All memos, emails, texts or other written correspondence from Matt Armstrong to Robert Boles which have any RFE/RL, RFA, or MBN corporate information attached or enclosed. All memos, emails, texts or other written correspondence from Matt Armstrong to Jeff Trimble which contain any information related to RFE/RL, RFA, or MBN corporate information. All memos, emails, texts or other written correspondence from Matt Armstrong to Jeff Trimble which have any RFE/RL, RFA, or MBN corporate information attached or enclosed. ..Any records or notes of conversations between Matt Armstrong and Paul Kollmer Dorsey, Joan Mower, Robert Boles and or Jeff Trimble related to RFE/RL, RFA, or MBN corporate information	11-Sep-15
039	7-Jul-15	Yaw Ayim	Veteran Systems	Contract # BBGC6814G002	5-Oct-15
040	16-Jul-15	Scott Kirkland		Information on how to become a BBG member, as well as information on licensing and equipment information to support broadcasting operations.	23-Jul-15

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041	20-Jul-15	Tom Partha		Any and all contracts that BBG has awarded pursuant to RFQ BBGS0-0-15-0040 (the "Contracts"), including any Modifications to such Contracts; The Notice of Award letters issued to the awardee(s) of such Contracts; All adverse Notice of Award or disqualification letters issued to each unsuccessful quoting firm under the RFQ, notifying such firm that they would not be awarded a contract; All Task Orders, including any modifications to such Task Orders (the "Task Orders"), issued under each such Contract; Any written communications suspending work under any of such Contracts and/or Task Orders, in view of the agency bid protest filed by NETCOM on July 13, 2015, or otherwise; and if no such suspension(s) of work have been issued, all written determinations and findings or other justifications, and approvals thereof, issued justifying continuing work under such Contracts and/or Task Orders notwithstanding the filing of NETCOM's agency bid protest.	6-Jan-16
042	27-Jul-15	Karl Rahder		Records related to your inquiry to the Interim CEO and Director regarding a job application.	5-Aug-15
043	3-Aug-15	Treasury Department Consultation			
044	4-Aug-15	OIG Referral (YOS)		Information regarding two complaints made to the State Department OIG in 2012.	17-Dec-15
045	21-Aug-15	Privacy Act Request			
046	21-Sep-15	Grant Smith	IRmep	A copy of all correspondence between the BBG and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), The Israel Project (TIP), the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting (CAMERA), Accuracy in Media, Myths and Facts, and Middle East Media Watch (dba Honest Reporting) concerning content broadcast by the Voice of America and other media outlets.	7-Jan-16
047	23-Sep-15	Christopher Brennan	Westlaw	A copy of the awarded contract and all modification documents for the agency's contract awarded pursuant to solicitation BBG50-R-15-0709.	28-Dec-15
048	25-Sep-15	Randolph Murphy		Copies of records concerning "government-sponsored, non-military international broadcasting, including Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, Radio Free Asia, Middle East Broadcasting Networks & the International Broadcasting Bureau."	15-Oct-15
049	25-Sep-15	Aaron Roston	Buzzfeed	- All BBG and VOA contracts and grants, from 2004 through the present date, to Channel 5, which is in Ukraine. In addition to the contract or grant award documents, all Statements of Work, contract line items, task orders, contract amendments or modifications, all records concerning "justification and approval for other than sole source," and all audits. Also, copies of all correspondence with the vendor.- All BBG and VOA contracts grants, from 2004 through the present date, to Inform Express, which is also in Ukraine. In addition to the contract or grant award documents, all Statements of Work, contract line items, task orders, contract amendments or modifications, all records concerning justification and approval for other than sole source," and all audits. Also, copies of all correspondence with the vendor. - All records associated with Contract Award BBG-IBB-PRG-15-7, including all contract awards, amendments, correspondence, task orders or other items. We are interpreting "correspondence" to mean "correspondence with the vendor" consistent with the two previous items.	7-Mar-16