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November 2, 2022

Via email

RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA22-069

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated Saturday, January 15, 2022, to the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM), which the Agency received on next business day.

In your request, you asked for -

“A copy of the VOA share drive (intranet) pages (i.e.) lists of pre-written obituaries. This includes Profiles (US UN Africa, LATAM, Mideast, South Asia, Europe, etc.) and Features and Obits-News, Obits that need updating, Obit Tapes, Obits- - No Tapes, etc. I am not asking for the obituaries themselves, only the list of individuals for which the obituaries have been pre-written. The fact that someone is well known or prominent is not considered personal or private information.”

The Agency has completed its search for and review of records responsive to your request. Enclosed is a copy the document responsive to your request. No information was redacted.

The Agency is waiving all fees for this request and the enclosed record is provided to you at no charge. This concludes the Agency’s response to your request, and it is now closed.

For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact me at foia@usagm.gov or 202-920-2442. You also may contact USAGM’S FOIA Liaison, Stephen McGinley, with questions about pending FOIA matters at smcginley@usagm.gov or 202-920-2366. 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:



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and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov;
Telephone: 202-741-5770
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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, USAGM, Suite 3349, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20237. Your appeal **must be transmitted by email within 90 days** of the date of this letter.

Again, should you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at 202-920-2442 or at foia@usagm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James McLaren".

James McLaren
Acting Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

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Nguyen Van Ly

Nguyen Dinh Toan

Pres. Jimmy Carter

The Dalai Lama

Henry Kissinger

Warren Buffett

VOA NEWS CENTER

Joe Biden

George W. Bush

Jimmy Carter

Dick Cheney

Bill Clinton

Barack Obama

Donald Trump

Andrew Young

Boris Johnson

Ayatollah Khamenei

Pervez Musharraf

Kim Jong Un

VOA PERSIAN

Dr. Javad Tabatabai

Seyed Hossein Nasr

Parviz Sabeti

Behrooz Vosoughi

Ahmad Ghoreishi

Ayatollah Ahmad Janati

Arby Avanesian

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Bahram Beizae

Iraj Khajeh Amiri

Mahshid Amirshahi

Abdolreza Ghotbi

Goli Taraghi

Houshang Nahavandi

Impress Farah Pahlavi

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