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

September 14, 2010

Dear FOIA Officer:

I hereby submit the following request under the Freedom of Information Act. Please consider this request separate and in addition to any previous request. This request does not supersede any prior request.

**Records Requested**

All records on, about, concerning or mentioning **Barack Hussein Obama, Sr.** (1936 – 24 November 1982) whose death is widely known and is public knowledge having been printed by countless news media sources and published in a book by the president of the United States, the subject's son.

**News Media Fee Category and authorization of up to \$30 in fees**

I am a member of the News Media as defined in 22CFR171.11(o) and request the applicable fee category. I do authorize up to \$30 in fees if this request is denied or fees are incurred further than the exemption allows. I do retain the right to appeal any denial of this request.

(o) Representative of the news media means any person actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public.

I write for and am gathering news for **Witnesses Unto Me**, a publication which distributes among other writing, news.

The term news means information that is about current events or that would be of current interest to the public.

My experience in journalism allows me judge the current interest of a topic to the public. I make this request with knowledge and belief the topic is of current interest to the public.

News media include television or radio stations broadcasting to the public at large and publishers of periodicals (but only in those instances when they can qualify as disseminators of "news") who make their products available for purchase by the general public.

**Witnesses Unto Me** disseminates many types of writing, including news. For an example of a recent news article, see "City of Dearborn limits free speech around Arab Festival" written by myself and published June 22, 2010 by **Witnesses Unto Me**. **Witnesses Unto Me** is available to the general public and is not limited to any subset of the public.

Freelance journalists may be regarded as working for a news organization if they can demonstrate, such as by past publication, a likelihood of publication through a representative of the news media, even though not actually employed by it.

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My articles are frequently published by both Witnesses Unto Me and SBC Voices, the two publications for which I write. I am assured of publication as the publisher of Witnesses Unto Me and a regular columnist with SBC Voices.

**Delivery of records**

You can deliver the documents to me in any of the following ways, listed in order of preference, most desirable first:

Email electronic copy:

Fax:

Mail CD Rom

Mail paper copies

**Format**

In any situation where the fee will be the same or less, please provide documents in electronic format. Any electronic format is preferred to paper. Please use the most economical electronic format.

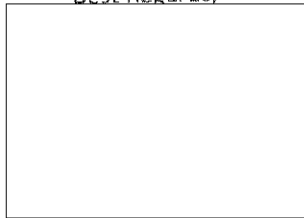
**In case of denial**

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 fee benefit.

**Certification**

I declare, certify, verify or state, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September 14, 2010.

Best Regards,



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