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Mr. Adam Rappaport
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455 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Request # 160645

Dear Mr. Rappaport:

This letter responds to your correspondence dated September 14, 2016, which, pursuant to FOIL, requested the following:

“[C]itizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (‘CREW’) makes this request for records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics.

CREW seeks records related to the Office of the Attorney General’s 2016 inquiry into the Donald J. Trump Foundation (‘Trump Foundation’). Specifically, CREW requests records disclosed to news organizations on or about September 13, 2016 regarding the inquiry. Many of those documents were publicly disclosed in the Twitter feeds of Washington Post and NBC News reporters, and were widely described in news reports. [Footnote 1]

Several news reports further noted that the documents were made available as a result of public records requests by news organizations. [Footnote 2] CREW only seeks documents that have already been disclosed to the news organizations, and thus this request should not require any further searching or processing.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$20.00. However, CREW also requests a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public’s understanding of the Office of Attorney General’s investigation of the Trump Foundation and of the foundation’s conduct. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

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The New York Freedom of Information Law requires a response time of five business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. Please send the requested records to me at arappaport@citizensforethics.org.

Please contact me at (202) 408-5565 if you have any questions about this request.

[Footnote 1] See, e.g., Twitter feed of David A. Fahrenthold, available at <https://twitter.com/Fahrenthold>; Twitter feed of Katy Tur, available at <https://twitter.com/KatyTurNBC>; Steve Eder, New York Attorney General to Investigate Donald Trump's Nonprofit, New York Times, Sept. 13, 2016, available at http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/14/us/politics/pam-bondi-donald-trump.html?_r=0; Eric Bradner and Rob Frehse, NY Attorney General Is Investigating Trump Foundation Practices, CNN, Sept. 14, 2016, available at <http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/13/politics/eric-schneiderman-donald-trump-foundation/index.html>

[Footnote 2] See, e.g., Eder, New York Times, Sept. 13, 2016.”

Attached to this e-mail are documents numbered 160645-1 through 160645-57 that respond to your request.

This FOIL request is now closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Jerry", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michael Jerry
Assistant Attorney General

Attachment