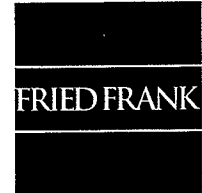


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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Freedom of Information Act Office  
451 7th Street, SW, Room 10139  
Washington, DC 20410-3000

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request - Investigations

Dear Freedom of Information Act Officer:

This request is pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA" or "the Act"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. On behalf of our client, the National Commission on Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, we request that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") provide any and all records, documents, and information sufficient to show:

**For Fiscal Year 2008 (Oct. 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008),**

- The name of the respondent(s) and a summary of the allegations for each secretarial investigation or complaint opened during the fiscal year;
- The name of the respondent(s) and a copy of the document resolving the investigation or complaint for every secretarial investigation or complaint resolved during the fiscal year;
- The name of the respondent(s) and a summary of the allegations for every secretarial investigation or complaint that is currently open at HUD;
- The name of the respondent(s) and a summary of the allegations for each case which HUD identified for systemic processing during the fiscal year;
- The name of the respondent(s) and a copy of the document resolving the case for each case which HUD identified for systemic processing that was resolved during the fiscal year;
- The name of the respondent(s) and a summary of the allegations under investigation for each case that is currently open which HUD identified for systemic processing during the fiscal year;

**For each fiscal year since Fiscal Year 1988,**

- The name of the respondent(s) and a summary of the allegations for each secretarial investigation or complaint opened during the fiscal year;
- The name of the respondent(s) and a copy of the document resolving the investigation or complaint for every secretarial investigation or complaint resolved by HUD;
- The name of the respondent(s) and a summary of the allegations for each case which HUD identified for systemic processing during the fiscal year;

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- The name of the respondent(s) and a copy of the document resolving the case for each case which HUD identified for systemic processing that was resolved during the fiscal year;

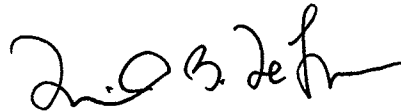
We anticipate that you will respond to the above requests within 20 working days, as specified in the Act. If you believe that is not possible, please contact me by telephone (212-859-8247), and we will attempt to work with you as necessary to facilitate your efforts to comply with the Act in a timely fashion.

If it is determined that any portion of the requested information is exempt from disclosure, we request that, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b), all reasonably separable portions of the information or documents requested be provided. It is further requested that all documents or portions thereof for which an exemption is claimed (i) be identified with particularity and (ii) that the rationale supporting the claimed exemption be provided in writing.

The National Commission on Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity is not a commercial use requester, educational institution, or a representative of the news media, and so is an "Other Requester" for purposes of HUD's fees. The National Commission on Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity has submitted nine separate FOIA requests, which should be treated as one request for purposes of fee calculation. The National Commission on Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity agrees to pay all fees that may be incurred in processing these requests, up to a total of \$500. If HUD believes the fees will exceed \$500, please contact me by telephone so that we can discuss with you how we would like to proceed. Once the search and production are complete, please send the bill to us, and it will be paid within one month.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you require any additional information or have questions related to the processing of these requests, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,



Michael B. de Leeuw