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commercial interest and the disclosure is in the public interest. See § 602.13.

FEE TABLE

Type of requester	Charges for		Reproduction
	Search time	Review time	
•Educational	No Charge	No charge	First 100 pages free, \$ 0.15 a page after that. \$0.15 a page. First 100 pages free, \$0.15 a page after that.
•Noncommercial scientific users			
•News media			
Commercial Users ¹	All direct costs	All direct costs	
All others ¹	First 2 hours free, all direct costs after that.	No charge	

¹ You are responsible for fees even if we do not disclose any records.

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§ 602.12 Fees.

(a) FCA may charge:

(1) For manual searches for records and for review, the pro rated cost of the salary of the employee doing the work.

(2) For computer searches for records, the direct costs of computer search time and supply or material costs.

(3) For each page made by photocopy or similar method, fifteen cents a page, and for other forms of copying, the direct costs.

(4) The direct costs of elective services, such as certifying records as true copies or sending records by special methods.

(b) We will not charge fees when total assessed fees are less than \$15.00.

(c) You must pay by personal check, bank draft drawn on a United States bank, or postal money order made payable to the Treasury of the United States.

(d) We treat a request about yourself under Privacy Act fee rules.

(e) The information in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section is presented in the table to this paragraph. Direct costs means the costs FCA incurs in searching for, reviewing, and reproducing documents to respond to a request. Direct costs include pro rated salary and reproduction costs. We will not charge fees when they total less than \$15.00.

FEE AMOUNTS TABLE

Type of fee	Amount of fee
Manual Search and Review	Pro rated Salary Costs.
Computer Search	Direct Costs.
Photocopy	\$0.15 a page.
Other Reproduction Costs	Direct Costs.
Elective Services	Direct Costs.

§ 602.13 Fee waiver.

We may waive or reduce fees if disclosure is not mostly in your commercial interest but, instead, is in the public interest because it will advance public understanding of the Federal government's operations or activities.

§ 602.14 Advance payments—notice.

(a) If fees will be more than \$25.00 and you have not told us in advance that you will pay estimated fees, we will tell you the estimated amount and ask that you agree to pay it. Except as noted in this section, we will begin processing the FOIA request when we receive your agreement to pay.

(b) If estimated fees exceed \$250.00 and you have a history of promptly paying fees charged for information requests, we may respond to your request based on your agreement to pay.

(c) If estimated fees exceed \$250.00 and you have no history of paying fees, we may require you to pay in advance.

(d) If you have previously failed to pay fees for information requests or paid them late, you must pay any fees still owed, plus interest calculated under § 602.15, and the estimated fees before we will respond to a new or a pending request.