



Department of Energy
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June 23, 2010

Certified Mail

Ms. Madeleine Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2010-01483)

You requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), "the emails and records relating to the decision to allow the underage son of Bill Gates to tour Hanford in June 2010. Please also send the emails and records that justify the Department of Energy to prevent other minors from visiting B Reactor."

Attached as Enclosure I are the e-mails and records relating to the decision with deletions pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA. We have deleted the name, e-mail and direct telephone number of Mr. Gates' Administrative Assistant, personal telephone number belonging to Mr. Gates and the date and place of birth, home address, telephone number and social security number of Rory Gates. Exemption 6 provides that an agency may protect from disclosure all personal information if its disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy by subjecting the individuals to unwanted communications, harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or other substantial privacy invasions by interested parties.

In invoking Exemption 6 we considered 1) whether a significant privacy interest would be invaded by disclosure of information, 2) whether release of the information would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations or activities of the government, and 3) whether in balancing the private interest against the public interest, disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. We have determined that the public interest in the information that appears in the documents does not outweigh the individuals' privacy interests.

Attached as Enclosure II are the records regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) policy of minors visiting the Hanford Site, including areas such as B Reactor.

One of the key reasons DOE offers tours of the Hanford Site is to get the word out on the work going on and how federal tax dollars are being spent here. Given the breadth and frequency of Mr. Gates's interaction with various publics, DOE was happy to agree to his tour request and take the extra steps necessary to accommodate his son. DOE's general site access policy is for visitors to be at least 18 years old. However, in the areas Mr. Gates and his son visited, that is not mandatory. All site access requirements were followed.

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All releasable information in the documents has been segregated and is being provided to you. The undersigned individual is responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8, for any information that has been denied to you in this letter. Any such appeal shall be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L'Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615, and shall be filed within 30 days after receipt of this letter. Should you choose to appeal, please provide this office with a copy of your letter.

For purposes of assessment of fees, you have been categorized under 10 CFR 004.9(b)(4), as an "other" requester. In this category, you are entitled to two free hours of search time and 100 pages of duplication at no cost. The search time for your request was two hours, therefore, this information is being provided to you at no cost.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at our address above or on (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Riehle
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Communications
and External Affairs

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Enclosures