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AGENCY FOIA REQUESTS

DHS

Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky has asked for “all documents submitted or otherwise in DHS’s possession regarding pharmaceuticals, drugs, vaccines and/or biologicals seeking, applying for or qualifying as Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology.”

Christopher Kennedy: Jones Day, Records regarding Naval Fuel Depot Point Molate, in Richmond, California

Neil Levin: Office of Special Affairs, All records on L.Ron Hubbard, Scientology and Dianetics

Carson Sullivan, Esq. DHS’s investigative file regarding the IG inquiry of NCS Pearson to TSA

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Lani Walters (referred from OJP/DOJ) certain items from MOBIS contract

DOC

Received 9/12/03, from Robert B. Weir, National Intellectual Property Researchers Association, requesting Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) case files.

Received 9/15/03, from David Kittross, CD Publications, requesting the number of grant applications received by EDA in FY 2002 and 2003, with particular interest in the number of Public Works and Economic Adjustment proposals.

Received 9/15/03, from Edmund J. Towle III, Towle, Denison, Smith & Tavera, LLP, requesting contracts between Microsoft Corporation and Microsoft Consulting Services, under which Microsoft, or any division thereof, has received payment for goods and/or services within the past three years.

Received 9/17/03, from Lewis Kamb, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, requesting copies of documents in NOAA Case File #NW820082MM regarding U.S. v. Greg Colfax.

Received 9/17/03, from Peter Galvin, Center for Biological Diversity, requesting a copy of all Biological Opinions issued under the Endangered Species Act for forest plans and resource management plans to the Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management in California since January 1, 1985.

DOJ

Martha Mendoza, of the Associated Press, has requested copies of all records that reflect the “aggregate number” of requests made by the Justice Department to libraries, bookstores, and Internet service providers for records of patron activity, and the “aggregate number” of requests made by Department officials for the authority to conduct electronic surveillance of certain individuals and organizations under the provisions of the PATRIOT Act.

DOT

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) received 30 FOIA requests during the week of September 15-21. Of those, one request came in the form of a subpoena from the State Attorney’s office in St. Augustine, Florida. FMCSA has not yet received the specifications of the request, but its counsel has notified the Florida State Attorney that it would process the subpoena as a FOIA.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) FOIA office received two press requests this week, one from the *York Daily Record*, for records on a local motor carrier; and another from *WBTV*, a local Charlotte, North Carolina station, requesting the results of an investigation of a South Carolina carrier.

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation receive two requests from businesses for the names and addresses of SLSDC employees that are holders of government credit cards.

HHS

9/29/03

News Media Request - The Los Angeles Times requested information on the number of employees classified above GS-15 that filed Forms 278 and 450 during calendar year 2002.

10/2/03 (Tentative)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) High Visibility FOIA Request - On August 4, a FOIA request was submitted to CMS from Tom Corwin, a reporter from The Augusta Chronicle Science and Medicine. The request asked for copies of inspection reports and correspondence with Gracewood State School and Hospital throughout 2003.

10/3/03

News Media Request - The Kansas City Star requested a contractor's draft report that evaluated hospital reporting of clinical privileges actions to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) National Practitioner Data Bank.

10/3/03

Salon Magazine FOIA Request - Salon Magazine requested a list of the organizations that applied for Community-Base Abstinence Education Grants in 2001 and 2002, but were denied.

VA

The Financial Policy office received two FOIA requests submitted directly by FOIA Group, Inc., seeking information on VA's contract award and agreement with two food service companies, Sysco and U.S. Food Service, Inc.