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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

This is a request for records under the District's Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), made pursuant to D.C. Code Ann. § 2-531 to §2-539, and is submitted on behalf of the Electronic Privacy Information Center ("EPIC").

EPIC requests all records regarding the development of camera networks designed to monitor humans in Washington, DC. This request includes, but is not limited to minutes of meetings, notes, correspondence, submissions, reports, memoranda, and electronic mail. I have included a recent news article to aid you in the search.

EPIC also seeks the disclosure of all records concerning the use of video surveillance systems to monitor protests during the 2000 International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings.

Further, EPIC seeks the disclosure of all records regarding cooperation from private entities in existing or potential surveillance systems.

For fee assessment purposes under §2-532(b), EPIC is requesting detailed information about the video surveillance system operated by the District's Metropolitan Police Department so that it can make it available to the public. EPIC is a non-profit educational organization that disseminates information on privacy issues to the public. We accomplish that mission through our heavily-visited website and a bi-weekly electronic newsletter that is sent to more than 15,000 recipients, many of whom cover Internet privacy issues for a variety of news outlets.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. As the applicable law provides under §2-532(c), I will anticipate your determination on our request within ten (10) business days. Should you have any questions about this request, please call me at 202.483.1140.

Sincerely,

Chris Hoofnagle  
Legislative Counsel