July 26, 2013

Mr. Adam Marshall
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Washington, DC 20009

RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA #13-0044

Dear Mr. Marshall:

This letter is an acknowledgment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) dated May 31, 2013, which the Agency received on the same day. In your request, you ask for records regarding the BBG’s relationship with The Tor Project, Inc., the Tor Solution Corporation, and Tor Solutions Group.

Since this office receives a large quantity of requests each year, your request has been assigned Reference Number 13-0044. You should refer to this number in all future correspondence so that your file can be located in a timely fashion to provide you with the best service possible. Also, please be advised that the Agency processes FOIA requests on a first in, first out basis.

Pursuant to the FOIA, an agency is required to make a determination on a request within 20 business days whether to comply with a FOIA request. In this case, the Agency will require additional time (10 business days) beyond the 20-day time limit for processing your request under “unusual circumstances” defined by statute, specifically the need to search for the requested records from office(s) outside of this office. The Agency anticipates making a determination within 30 business days after the receipt of your request.

For the purposes of assessing fees pursuant to OMB Fee Guidelines, you have been placed in Category II, educational and scientific institutions and news media. Consistent with Category II, you will be assessed only duplication fees, and only after the first 100 pages, which are free of charge. The fee for duplication is $0.15 per page.

Regarding your request for a waiver of applicable fees, the Agency has determined that your request does not provide sufficient information to establish how the records sought would contribute to the general public’s understanding of the subject matter in question to a significant extent. Furthermore, your request does not provide sufficient information as to how the records requested would be disseminated to the public at large to facilitate greater understanding of Agency programs or operations.
Therefore, your request for a waiver of fees is denied. If you believe you can establish how the records you have requested would significantly contribute to greater public understanding and how they would be disseminated to the public at large, you may submit additional information and ask for a reconsideration of your waiver request.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 203-4550 or the Office of the General Counsel at the above address. Currently, inquiries are not accepted via E-mail.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Krog
FOIA and Privacy Act Officer