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Ms. Lola Dada-Olley
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RE: FOIA Pre-approval Request – 2010 PAC 7583

Dear Ms. Dada-Olley:

We have received from the Office of the Governor a written notice of its intention to assert the Section 7(1)(f) FOIA exemption (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f)) in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from [REDACTED] with The Associated Press. The request sought, among other records, “[t]he daily logs showing who called for the Governor and his chief of staff and what message each party left from January 2009 to May 3, 2010.” In addition to its assertion of Section 7(1)(f) with respect to certain responsive records, the OOG has also indicated that it has either furnished a copy of, or otherwise made available, the remaining responsive documents to [REDACTED]

Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act allows withholding of:

[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda or other documents in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

Determination

The OOG seeks to withhold seven separate e-mail chains, pursuant to Section 7(1)(f). Based on our review, these e-mails appear to fall within the scope of the Section 7(1)(f)

exemption, because they consist of discussions concerning the formulation of OOG policy concerning particular matters. Further, there is no evidence to suggest that this record has been publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body. Accordingly, the OOG has met its initial burden of demonstrating that these records are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f).

This letter will serve to close this file. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 782-9078.

Sincerely


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