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Ms. Rosario Cirrincione Director FOI/Privacy Acts Division Health & Human Services Room 645 F, HHH Bldg. Washington, DC 20201

Dear Ms. Cirrincione;

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, I request the following records:

All correspondence from Congressman Tom Delay or his office and from Congressman Dennis Hastert or his office to the Health & Human Services for the period Jan. 1, 1995 through Oct. 1, 1998. If it will facilitate your timely response, please exclude all routine correspondence from constituents that the Congressmen sent to the agency requesting a response (but please include all correspondence wherein the Congressmen requested that the agency take any action on behalf of a constituent other than merely responding). On November 19, 1998 I requested similar correspondence from the office of Congressman Robert Livingston. That information is no longer needed so if the process can be easily stopped, please do so.

I am a journalist employed by the Los Angeles Times and intend to use the requested information as the basis for an article or articles. Therefore, I ask that you waive all search and duplication fees. If you deny this request, however, I am prepared to pay reasonable fees, but please notify me of the estimated charges before you begin to process my request.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all reasonably discreet portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone rather than by mail if you have any questions regarding this request. I can be reached directly at (202) 861-9204. Thank you. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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