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Ron Byers, Team Leader
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United States Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, NW, Room 7439
Washington, DC 20415-7900

Dear Team Leader Byers:

RE: FOIA request for the March 2004 CPDF Database

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, we request an electronic copy of the Status File for the March 2004 Central Personnel Data File (CPDF). We are requesting just the Status File since we understand that is available now, and did not want to wait until the Dynamics File became available. But should the Dynamics File be now available we wish to have these additional fields as well.

We also, as before, request an electronic copy of the code tables containing definitions of any codes contained in the file.

With respect to this request, we further ask: (a) to be classified as "an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, whose purpose is scholarly or scientific research," and as "a representative of the news media" under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of 1986; and (b) for a full waiver of fees. In connection with prior requests for the earlier CPDF files, we furnished you with a detailed factual basis underlying this classification and fee waiver request in our May 10, 1999 letter for the FY98 and March 30, 1999 CPDF files. We trust that this information is sufficient for your purposes since you granted us a full (100%) fee waiver on that basis. Should you require any additional information, please let us know. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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