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Oct. 1, 2002

Jean Carkin
Freedom of Information Act Officer GSA
General Services Administration, Region 10
400 15th Street SW
Auburn WA, 9801

Dear Jean Carkin:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act on behalf of The Seattle Times for copies of the following records:

All Guard Post Assignment records (GSA Form 2580) for government facilities in Region 10. In addition, we seek information provided by the GSA to Argus Services Inc., regarding contract guard eligibility, including fingerprint charts, health certificates, personal history statements, successful completion of required testing and training requirements, to include weapons qualifications prior to commencement of work under the contract. We also seek Argus' response to these requirements and all records provided by Argus for each and every security officer in its employ under the GSA contract. Where available, we request records in electronic format, otherwise on paper copies.

Please contact either Ray Rivera (206-464-2926, rayrivera@seattletimes.com) or Mike Carter (206-464-3706, mcarter@seattletimes.com) if we can clarify or expedite this request in any way.

We would appreciate prompt reply and a liberal interpretation for the fullest possible access to public records, as required by the Act. As news media, we request the statutory fee waiver. The Justice Department says you must give priority to timely news media requests. The Freedom of Information Act requires denial of any part of this request be accompanied by a written statement of exactly what is being denied and the specific reason, subject to judicial review. The law also requires that if part of a record is exempt from disclosure, you must release all segregable parts.

Respectfully,

Ray Rivera
and Mike Carter
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