

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

December 12, 2011

Mr. Grant Cameron
445 Hudson Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada R3T0R1

Re: FOIA 12-10

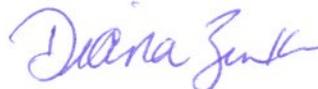
Dear Mr. Cameron:

On November 9, 2011, you sent the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, requesting “all records ... on the subjects of UFOs, Unidentified Flying Objects, extraterrestrial, or extraterrestrial life.”

OSTP received your request on November 9, 2011. OSTP conducted a search of its records and located no documents responsive to your request.

If you consider this to be an inappropriate denial of your request, you may appeal in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter to General Counsel Rachael Leonard at ostpfoia@ostp.eop.gov or via FAX at (202) 395-1224. The email should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,



Diana Zunker

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December 12, 2011

Mr. Grant Cameron
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Re: FOIA 12-11

Dear Mr. Cameron:

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OSTP received your request on November 9, 2011. OSTP conducted a search of its records and has enclosed sixteen (16) pages of documents responsive to your request. Portions of these documents and some attachments have been withheld under 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5) and (b)(6).

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Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:25 PM
To: WEAVER, DAVID S. (HQ-NA000); Larson, Phillip P.
Cc: Weiss, Rick
Subject: Re: We the People

No issues here either. **Nonresponsive**

From: WEAVER, DAVID S. (HQ-NA000)
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 05:48 PM
To: Larson, Phillip P. (b)(6) >; Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000)
Cc: Weiss, Rick (b)(6)
Subject: RE: We the People

No issues on my end. Bob, are you ok with this?

David S. Weaver
Associate Administrator for Communications
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
202.358.1898 (office)
david.s.weaver@nasa.gov

From: Larson, Phillip P. [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 6:13 PM
To: WEAVER, DAVID S. (HQ-NA000); Jacobs, Bob (HQ-NA000)
Cc: Weiss, Rick
Subject: We the People

Gentleman,

We got tagged with drumming up a response to a "please acknowledge aliens" petition from the We the People feature on WhiteHouse.gov. It's been cleared through OSTP, but I wanted to give you guys a chance to look at it before it goes up on the White House website. Could you look at the below quickly and get back with me tonight if anything gives you heartburn. Apologies for quick turn, but I just got a call from WH comms and they want to submit these for final Legal clearance tomorrow. (This version has their unofficial blessing and they didn't require us to do any more clearances, but I wanted to give you a heads up.) I can be reached at (b)(6) or (b)(6)

Thanks,
Phil

WE PETITION THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO:
formally acknowledge an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race - Disclosure.
Disclosure Petition - Paradigm Research Group

"We, the undersigned, strongly urge the President of the United States to formally acknowledge an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race and immediately release into the public domain all files from all agencies and military services relevant to this phenomenon."

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Opinion polls now indicate more than 50% of the American people believe there is an extraterrestrial presence and more than 80%

believe the government is not telling the truth about this phenomenon. The people have a right to know. The people can handle the truth.

Relevant Websites: www.disclosurepetition.info, www.paradigmresearchgroup.org

Created: Sep 22, 2011

Official Response

Posted by Phil Larson

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(b)(5)

Phil Larson works on space policy at the White House

Larson, Phillip P.

From: Wells, Damon R.
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 3:50 PM
To: Larson, Phillip P.
Cc: Weiss, Rick
Subject: tweaks to aliens
Attachments: phil-aliens (2)_dw.doc

Phil –

This looks great overall. I have incorporated a handful of very minor tweaks in the attached. Let me know if you guys want to discuss them.....

Damon

Larson, Phillip P.

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:45 AM
To: Weiss, Rick; Larson, Phillip P.; Abrevaya, Sandra; Lehrich, Matt; Garg, Kumar A.
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Got it. Just so we're all on the same page that sentence will read:

Many have also noted, however, that the odds of us making contact with any of them—especially any intelligent ones—are extremely small given the distances involved.

From: Weiss, Rick
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:42 AM
To: Larson, Phillip P.; Sabochik, Katelyn; Abrevaya, Sandra; Lehrich, Matt; Garg, Kumar A.
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Phil's words are fine.
And sorry, the universe is not bug.
It is big.

Rick Weiss

Director of Strategic Communications

and Senior Science and Technology Policy Analyst

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(b) (6)

From: Larson, Phillip P.
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Sabochik, Katelyn; Abrevaya, Sandra; Lehrich, Matt; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.
Subject: Re: Sign off by Monday?

I think we keep (b) (5)." And end it there

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:27 AM
To: Abrevaya, Sandra; Lehrich, Matt; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.; Larson, Phillip P.
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Great. Here's the revised version taking out that language. (b) (5)

From: Abrevaya, Sandra
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:12 AM
To: Lehrich, Matt; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.; Larson, Phillip P.
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Kumar and I were just talking about that sentence. Agreed - (b) (5)

From: Lehrich, Matt
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:11 AM
To: Abrevaya, Sandra; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.; Larson, Phillip P.
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

This is the only phrase in here that strikes me a little odd (b) (5)

From: Abrevaya, Sandra
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:08 AM
To: Lehrich, Matt; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn; Bedingfield, Kate; Brundage, Amy
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Original Petition

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Relevant Websites: www.disclosurepetition.info, www.paradigmresearchgroup.org

Signatures: 9,471

Proposed Response

Drafted By: OSTP

Cleared By: Rick Weiss and Rick Siger at OSTP, NASA Comms

Title: Searching for ET, But No Evidence Yet

By: Phil Larson, Research Assistant, Office of Science and Technology Policy at the White House.

Body:

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From: Lehrich, Matt
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:07 AM
To: Weiss, Rick; Abrevaya, Sandra; Garg, Kumar A.
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn; Bedingfield, Kate; Brundage, Amy
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Nonresponsive

Can someone resend me the aliens one?

From: Weiss, Rick
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:06 AM
To: Abrevaya, Sandra; Garg, Kumar A.; Lehigh, Matt
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

We're all signed off on aliens (with the couple of word changes I sent last week).

Nonresponsive

Nonresponsive

Rick Weiss

Director of Strategic Communications

and Senior Science and Technology Policy Analyst

Office of Science and Technology Policy

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(b) (6)

From: Abrevaya, Sandra
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.; Lehigh, Matt
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Matt/Rick/Kumar,
Just checking in on this.

From: Abrevaya, Sandra
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 5:20 PM
To: Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.

Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: Sign off by Monday?

Rick (and Kumar in case you're interested),

I've been working with the office of digital strategy on the We the People petitions and we are about to send out our first batch of responses. (b) (5)

Thanks so much!
Sandra

#1

Original Petition

Direct the Patent Office to Cease Issuing Software Patents

The patent office's original interpretation of software as language and therefor patentable is much closer to reality and more productive for innovation than it's current practice of issuing software patents with no understanding of the patents being issued.

Under the patent office's current activity, patents have been come a way to stifle innovation and prevent competition rather than supporting innovation and competitive markets. They've become a tool of antitrust employed by large companies against small ones.

To return sanity to the software industry - one of the few industries still going strong in America - direct the patent office to cease issuing software patents and to void all previously issued software patents.

Signatures: 13,615

Proposed Response

Drafted By: OSTP

Cleared By: Nonresponsive

Title: Promoting Innovation and Competitive Markets through Quality Patents

By: Quentin Palfrey, Senior Advisor to CTO for Jobs & Competitiveness at the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy

Body: Nonresponsive

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Cleared By: Rick Weiss and Rick Siger at OSTP, NASA Comms

Title: Searching for ET, But No Evidence Yet

By: Phil Larson, Research Assistant, Office of Science and Technology Policy at the White House.

Body:

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Katelyn Sabochik
Director of Online Engagement
White House Office of Digital Strategy

(b) (6)

Larson, Phillip P.

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 8:43 AM
To: Larson, Phillip P.
Subject: Re: following up from Friday's petition meeting

No worries! Thanks!

From: Larson, Phillip P.
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 08:37 PM
To: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: Fw: following up from Friday's petition meeting

Will get u **Nonresponsive** first thing tomorrow. Sorry about the delay!

From: Larson, Phillip P.
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2011 06:56 PM
To: Sabochik, Katelyn; Palfrey, Quentin; Weiss, Rick
Cc: DL-WHO-Petitions
Subject: RE: following up from Friday's petition meeting

Nonresponsive

let me know if you need anything else with Aliens...thanks!

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Draft with Comms and Counsel

- formally acknowledge an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race- Disclosure AND Immediately disclose the government's knowledge of and communications with extraterrestrial beings (b) (5)

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December 15, 2011

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Re: FOIA 12-12

Dear Mr. Cameron:

On November 9, 2011, you sent the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, seeking "all schedules, e-mail, and phone records for Phil Larsen from October 1, 2011 to November 9, 2011." On December 14, 2011, you narrowed the scope of your request to "all Phil Larson phones calls records, appointment calander [sic], and e-mails for Nov 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9th" that "related to the ET petition."

OSTP received your request on November 9, 2011. OSTP conducted a search of its records and has enclosed three (3) pages of documents responsive to your request. Portions of these documents have been withheld under 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5) and (b)(6).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "JK for Diana Zunker".

Diana Zunker

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Thanks for your help!

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OSTP received your request on November 9, 2011. OSTP conducted a search of its records and has enclosed 24 pages of documents responsive to your request. Portions of these documents and some attachments have been withheld under 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5) and (b)(6).

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Larson, Phillip P.

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 11:37 AM
To: Larson, Phillip P.
Cc: Lindsay, Erin
Subject: RE: checking in on petition responses

Hey Phil,

Just wanted to check in on the NASA petition responses. We're hoping to circulate some draft responses before the meeting today at 2:30. Let us know if you think you'll have anything we can include in that batch.

Thanks,

Katelyn

From: Larson, Phillip P.
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 12:09 PM
To: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: Re: checking in on petition responses

Where when is this meeting? I'm running point on this with quentin as well as the nasa things with damon

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
To: Larson, Phillip P.; Palfrey, Quentin
Cc: Phillips, Macon; Lindsay, Erin; Weiss, Rick
Sent: Thu Oct 06 12:06:25 2011
Subject: RE: checking in on petition responses

Sounds like you're making good progress on these, thanks for the update. We certainly understand that some of these issues are trickier policy than others and I appreciate your help in getting the patents draft circulated to the appropriate agencies and office here.

Phil – we were going to put together a packet of draft responses ahead of the meeting at 2:30 tomorrow, so if you have anything we can include in that just send it our way.

Thanks again for all of your help,

Katelyn

From: Larson, Phillip P.
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 12:00 PM
To: Palfrey, Quentin; Sabochik, Katelyn
Cc: Phillips, Macon; Lindsay, Erin; Weiss, Rick
Subject: RE: checking in on petition responses

We'll have something for you on the NASA ones by tomorrow's meeting.

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Larson, Phillip P.

Subject: We the People Petition Review
Location: SoW - Suite 230A

Start: Fri 10/7/2011 2:30 PM
End: Fri 10/7/2011 3:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Sabochik, Katelyn
Required Attendees: Phillips, Macon; Carson, Jon; Monje, Carlos A.; Kohn, Lisa; Olson, Elizabeth H.; Urizar, Jenny; Palfrey, Quentin; Glunz, Christine M.; Chiodo, Theodore A.; Abrevaya, Sandra; Koronides, Christine; Reilly, Meg; Lee, Jesse C.; Buffa, Nikki; Roberts, Blake C.; Espinel, Zulima; Hartnett, Kathleen R.; Lindsay, Erin; Mechaber, Ezra; Edgerton, Erin; Lehrich, Matt; Coccaro, Kasie; McCullough, Victoria
Optional Attendees: Lemaitre, Rafael; Larson, Phillip P.

Tomorrow's meeting will be in room 230 A.

Attaching a summary of new petitions that have crossed the signature threshold since we last met and an updated petition response tracking spreadsheet. The new petitions are added at the bottom and highlighted in gray.



2011 10 07 Petition
Response T...



2011 10 07 New
Petitions.docx

During this meeting we will discuss petitions that have already been assigned to policy councils for responses as well as new petitions that have crossed the signature threshold since we last met.

Updated materials will be circulated on Thursday evening.



2011 09 30 Petition
Response T...

Larson, Phillip P.

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 5:10 PM
To: Phillips, Macon; Carson, Jon; Monje, Carlos A.; Kohn, Lisa; Olson, Elizabeth H.; Urizar, Jenny; Palfrey, Quentin; Glunz, Christine M.; Chiodo, Theodore A.; Abrevaya, Sandra; Koronides, Christine; Reilly, Meg; Lee, Jesse C.; Buffa, Nikki; Roberts, Blake C.; Espinel, Zulima; Hartnett, Kathleen R.; Lindsay, Erin; Mechaber, Ezra; Edgerton, Erin; Lehrich, Matt; Coccaro, Kasie; McCullough, Victoria; Lemaitre, Rafael; Larson, Phillip P.; de Quesada, Francesca; Boyd, Valerie S.
Subject: follow up from petitions meeting
Attachments: 2011 10 07 Petition Response Tracking.xlsx; 2011 10 07 New Petitions.docx

Following up from today's petition review meeting, here's the latest tracking spreadsheet and the document we circulated at the meeting with more details about each new petition.

Thanks again to all of you who submitted petition drafts this week. We've got nine drafts covering 19 petitions in the works. Our hope is to publish the first batch of responses early next week. We'll be circulating drafts for review to many of you, so stay on the lookout for those in the next few days.

Have a great weekend!

Katelyn

Petition Title	Category	Draft Assignment	Draft Due	Date Petition Reached Threshold	Resp Date after the th
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Subject: We the People

Gentleman,

We got tagged with drumming up a response to a "please acknowledge aliens" petition from the We the People feature on WhiteHouse.gov. It's been cleared through OSTP, but I wanted to give you guys a chance to look at it before it goes up on the White House website. Could you look at the below quickly and get back with me tonight if anything gives you heartburn. Apologies for quick turn, but I just got a call from WH comms and they want to submit these for final Legal clearance tomorrow. (This version has their unofficial blessing and they didn't require us to do any more clearances, but I wanted to give you a heads up.) I can be reached at (b)(6) or (b)(6)

Thanks,
Phil

**WE PETITION THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO:
formally acknowledge an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race - Disclosure.
Disclosure Petition - Paradigm Research Group**

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Relevant Websites: www.disclosurepetition.info, www.paradigmresearchgroup.org

Created: Sep 22, 2011

Official Response

Posted by Phil Larson

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Phil Larson works on space policy at the White House

Larson, Phillip P.

From: Wells, Damon R.
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 3:50 PM
To: Larson, Phillip P.
Cc: Weiss, Rick
Subject: tweaks to aliens
Attachments: phil-aliens (2)_dw.doc

Phil –

This looks great overall. I have incorporated a handful of very minor tweaks in the attached. Let me know if you guys want to discuss them.....

Damon

Larson, Phillip P.

Subject: We the People Petition Review
Location: TBD

Start: Fri 10/14/2011 2:30 PM
End: Fri 10/14/2011 3:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: Weekly
Recurrence Pattern: every Friday from 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Meeting Status: Tentatively accepted

Organizer: Sabochik, Katelyn
Required Attendees: Phillips, Macon; Carson, Jon; Monje, Carlos A.; Kohn, Lisa; Olson, Elizabeth H.; Urizar, Jenny; Palfrey, Quentin; Glunz, Christine M.; Chiodo, Theodore A.; Abrevaya, Sandra; Koronides, Christine; Reilly, Meg; Lee, Jesse C.; Buffa, Nikki; Roberts, Blake C.; Espinel, Zulima; Hartnett, Kathleen R.; Lindsay, Erin; Mechaber, Ezra; Edgerton, Erin; Lehrich, Matt; Coccaro, Kasie; McCullough, Victoria; Lemaitre, Rafael; Larson, Phillip P.; de Quesada, Francesca; Boyd, Valerie S.

My apologies for getting this meeting invite out a little late this week. Since 2:30 on Friday seemed to work for most folks last week, I set this as a recurring calendar invite. We can adjust the time as necessary if people have conflicts.

We'll send around materials to review including a list of new petitions that have crossed the signature threshold and the updated petition response tracking documents on Thursday afternoons prior to the meeting.

Larson, Phillip P.

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:45 AM
To: Weiss, Rick; Larson, Phillip P.; Abrevaya, Sandra; Lehrich, Matt; Garg, Kumar A.
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Got it. Just so we're all on the same page that sentence will read:

Many have also noted, however, that the odds of us making contact with any of them—especially any intelligent ones—are extremely small given the distances involved.

From: Weiss, Rick
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:42 AM
To: Larson, Phillip P.; Sabochik, Katelyn; Abrevaya, Sandra; Lehrich, Matt; Garg, Kumar A.
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Phil's words are fine.
And sorry, the universe is not bug.
It is big.

Rick Weiss

Director of Strategic Communications

and Senior Science and Technology Policy Analyst

Office of Science and Technology Policy

Executive Office of the President

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From: Larson, Phillip P.
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Sabochik, Katelyn; Abrevaya, Sandra; Lehrich, Matt; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.
Subject: Re: Sign off by Monday?

I think we keep (b) (5) ." And end it there

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:27 AM
To: Abrevaya, Sandra; Lehrich, Matt; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.; Larson, Phillip P.
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Great. Here's the revised version taking out that language. (b) (5)

From: Abrevaya, Sandra
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:12 AM
To: Lehrich, Matt; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.; Larson, Phillip P.
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Kumar and I were just talking about that sentence. Agreed - (b) (5)

From: Lehrich, Matt
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:11 AM
To: Abrevaya, Sandra; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.; Larson, Phillip P.
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

This is the only phrase in here that strikes me a little odd (b) (5)

From: Abrevaya, Sandra
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:08 AM
To: Lehrich, Matt; Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn; Bedingfield, Kate; Brundage, Amy
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Original Petition

[formally acknowledge an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race - Disclosure.](#)

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Signatures: 9,471

Proposed Response

Drafted By: OSTP

Cleared By: Rick Weiss and Rick Siger at OSTP, NASA Comms

Title: Searching for ET, But No Evidence Yet

By: Phil Larson, Research Assistant, Office of Science and Technology Policy at the White House.

Body:

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From: Lehrich, Matt
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:07 AM
To: Weiss, Rick; Abrevaya, Sandra; Garg, Kumar A.
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn; Bedingfield, Kate; Brundage, Amy
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Nonresponsive

Can someone resend me the aliens one?

From: Weiss, Rick
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 10:06 AM
To: Abrevaya, Sandra; Garg, Kumar A.; Lehigh, Matt
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

We're all signed off on aliens (with the couple of word changes I sent last week).

Nonresponsive

Nonresponsive

Rick Weiss

Director of Strategic Communications

and Senior Science and Technology Policy Analyst

Office of Science and Technology Policy

Executive Office of the President

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From: Abrevaya, Sandra
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.; Lehigh, Matt
Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: RE: Sign off by Monday?

Matt/Rick/Kumar,
Just checking in on this.

From: Abrevaya, Sandra
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 5:20 PM
To: Weiss, Rick; Garg, Kumar A.

Cc: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: Sign off by Monday?

Rick (and Kumar in case you're interested),

I've been working with the office of digital strategy on the We the People petitions and we are about to send out our first batch of responses. (b) (5)

Thanks so much!
Sandra

#1

Original Petition

Direct the Patent Office to Cease Issuing Software Patents

The patent office's original interpretation of software as language and therefor patentable is much closer to reality and more productive for innovation than it's current practice of issuing software patents with no understanding of the patents being issued.

Under the patent office's current activity, patents have been come a way to stifle innovation and prevent competition rather than supporting innovation and competitive markets. They've become a tool of antitrust employed by large companies against small ones.

To return sanity to the software industry - one of the few industries still going strong in America - direct the patent office to cease issuing software patents and to void all previously issued software patents.

Signatures: 13,615

Proposed Response

Drafted By: OSTP

Cleared By: Nonresponsive

Title: Promoting Innovation and Competitive Markets through Quality Patents

By: Quentin Palfrey, Senior Advisor to CTO for Jobs & Competitiveness at the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy

Body: Nonresponsive

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Proposed Response

Drafted By: OSTP

Cleared By: Rick Weiss and Rick Siger at OSTP, NASA Comms

Title: Searching for ET, But No Evidence Yet

By: Phil Larson, Research Assistant, Office of Science and Technology Policy at the White House.

Body:

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Larson, Phillip P.

From: Palfrey, Quentin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 10:22 AM
To: Wells, Damon R.; Larson, Phillip P.; Weiss, Rick
Subject: huffpo on ufos/wtp

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/04/et-petition-ufo-obama-we-the-people_n_987721.html#s283323&title=UFO Over Holloman](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/04/et-petition-ufo-obama-we-the-people_n_987721.html#s283323&title=UFO%20Over%20Holloman)

Nonresponsive

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Katelyn Sabochik
Director of Online Engagement
White House Office of Digital Strategy

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Larson, Phillip P.

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 8:43 AM
To: Larson, Phillip P.
Subject: Re: following up from Friday's petition meeting

No worries! Thanks!

From: Larson, Phillip P.
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 08:37 PM
To: Sabochik, Katelyn
Subject: Fw: following up from Friday's petition meeting

Will get u **Nonresponsive** first thing tomorrow. Sorry about the delay!

From: Larson, Phillip P.
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2011 06:56 PM
To: Sabochik, Katelyn; Palfrey, Quentin; Weiss, Rick
Cc: DL-WHO-Petitions
Subject: RE: following up from Friday's petition meeting

Nonresponsive

let me know if you need anything else with Aliens...thanks!

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Palfrey, Quentin; Weiss, Rick; Larson, Phillip P.
Cc: DL-WHO-Petitions
Subject: following up from Friday's petition meeting

Quentin, Rick and Phil,

I wanted to follow up from Friday's petition meeting with a quick summary of the petitions that have been assigned to OSTP. Quentin, on the patents petition response, we had expected to publish that on Friday afternoon, but we ran into some technical issues, so we'll likely post that one on Monday.

Below is a summary of the other petitions that have been assigned to OSTP. Let me know if you have any questions, and thanks for your help with this process!

Katelyn

New petitions

- **Nonresponsive**

Draft in Process

- **Nonresponsive**

Draft with Comms and Counsel

- formally acknowledge an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race- Disclosure AND Immediately disclose the government's knowledge of and communications with extraterrestrial beings (b) (5)

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- **Nonresponsive**

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Katelyn Sabochik
Director of Online Engagement
White House Office of Digital Strategy
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Larson, Phillip P.

To: Weiss, Rick
Subject: RE: here's the latest on aliens

From: Larson, Phillip P.
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 8:35 PM
To: Weiss, Rick
Subject: Fw: here's the latest on aliens

Schmerm going up possibly tomorrow

From: Sabochik, Katelyn
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 08:32 PM
To: Larson, Phillip P.
Subject: here's the latest on aliens

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Thanks for your help!

Katelyn Sabochik
Director of Online Engagement
White House Office of Digital Strategy

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

December 12, 2011

Mr. Grant Cameron
445 Hudson Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada R3T0R1

Re: FOIA 12-14

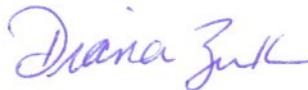
Dear Mr. Cameron:

On November 10, 2011, you sent the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, requesting "all documents in the office of the OSTP that would show that President Obama saw or was ever consulted about the petition addressed to him to 'formally acknowledge an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race - Disclosure.'"

OSTP received your request on November 10, 2011. OSTP conducted a search of its records and located no documents responsive to your request.

If you consider this to be an inappropriate denial of your request, you may appeal in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter to General Counsel Rachael Leonard at ostpfoia@ostp.eop.gov or via FAX at (202) 395-1224. The email should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



Diana Zunker