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COL. PETER C. MUNOZ
DIRECTOR

April 17, 2009

Ms. Helen Dagner

Dear Ms. Dagner:

This letter responds to your telephone message of April 16, 2009 asking about the estimated fee to process your request (copy attached) for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq.*

Section 4(1) and (3) of the FOIA, MCL 15.234(1) and (3), permits a public body to charge a fee to search for and retrieve records responsive to a request and for the examination and review of the records to determine applicable statutory exemptions from disclosure; and to charge for copying and mailing costs. Section 4(2) of the Act, MCL 15.243(2), permits a public body to require a good faith deposit of half the estimated total fee.

The Michigan Department of State Police's (MSP) fee notice (copy attached) indicated that it contains an estimate of costs to process the FOIA request. This is a good faith estimate, and, depending on the final total amount of records and labor associated with your request, the final total fee may exceed the estimate.

MSP has determined that, based on the description of records in your FOIA request, the MSP Freedom of Information Unit must retrieve a voluminous number of records for review and examination.

MSP tentatively has determined that the following records may fall within the scope of your request:

- 243,750 pages contained in 25, 26" filing cabinet drawers.
- 104,000 pages contained in 26, 16" boxes.
- 51,562 pages contained in 76 large binders.
- 15,750 pages, plus tapes, contained in other files.

MSP's estimated total fee of \$799,744.89 is calculated as follows: Estimated duplication costs of \$170,032.32; mailing costs to be determined; and estimated labor costs of \$628,712.57, based on the hourly wage of the lowest paid MSP employees capable of retrieving, examining, reviewing, and separating exempt and nonexempt material—15,784.9 hours at \$39.83/hour; and \$1000.00 for photographs the number of which is still being determined.

If you decide to narrow the scope of your request or otherwise modify the description of records contained in the request, please mail a new FOIA request to the Michigan State Police, FOIA Coordinator, 106 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933, or fax to (517) 322-5350.

Sincerely,

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