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Dear Ms. Grafeld:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, we request a copy of the following records:

AT State Dept.

1) all documents (including reports, letters, correspondence, notes, email, memos, etc.) about the decision to allow Aeroflot to continue smoking flights into and out of the United States, contrary to well-established regulatory policy, and

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2) all documents concerning negotiations which led to this decision.

Please release all segregable releasable portions. Please release all records, even those which may be technically exempt wherever possible at your discretion.

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Sincerely,

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