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Number	Received	Requester	Organization (if provided by requester)	Request Description	Responded
001	7-Nov-16	John Greenwald Jr.		A list for the most recent prewritten obituaries of living notable individuals prepared by BBG	3-Jan-17
002	8-Nov-16	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy, in electronic format, of the FOIA Appeals Log for BBG since 2006 to the present	3-Jan-17
003	8-Nov-16	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of each periodic (i.e. weekly or monthly) FOIA program internal status report to BBG managers during the calendar years 2015 and 2016	5-Jan-17
004	18-Nov-16	John Greenwald Jr.		A copy of the written obituaries of George W. Bush, Steven Spielberg, Chuck Yeager, and Queen Elizabeth	10-Jan-17
005	18-Nov-16	John Greenwald Jr.		An electronic copy of the FOIA Case Log for the 2015 calendar year	5-Jan-17
006	22-Nov-16	Kristi Jepersen	Judicial Watch	Copies of all contracts and receipts from September 2015 to September 2016 for advertisement and image services from the following: Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, SnapChat, LinkedIn, Reddit, Foursquare, Mashable, YouTube, Vimeo, Flickr, Pinterest, Google, Instagram, Project Wonderful, and/or BuzzFeed. Additionally, you ask for all documents and e-mails from September 2014 to November 2016 concerning budget, expenditure, and payment for advertisement in social media	11-Apr-17
007	16-Feb-17	Chris Haslam	Commonwealth Cat Rescue	A digital copy of the "Non-Classified" BBG employee list including names, job titles, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses	11-Apr-17
008	29-Nov-16	Bill Thomas		The solicitation documents, award ID, and award document for the contract awarded to SES GS for the BBG satellite network	24-May-17
009	29-Nov-16	OIG Referral		Information regarding correspondence or briefings involving the State Department and the BBG	6-Jan-17
010	9-Dec-16	Yasha Levine		Email correspondence located within Radio Free Asia and the Open Technology Fund that contains the terms "Viet Tan" or "viettan"	9-Jan-17
011	12-Dec-16	Russel Neiss		Copies of any communications sent between representatives of Trump for America, Inc. and the BBG from November 9, 2016 to the present	9-Jan-17
012	14-Dec-16	Thomas Thompson		An updated list of the BBG's Outstanding/Stale-dated checks (also known as a Limited Payability Cancellation Report of refunds and credits), or in other words all undeliverable checks to individuals, businesses, or vendors, from 2010 through 2016	9-Mar-17
013	16-Dec-16	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the BBG briefing materials related to the Presidential transition, i.e., for Agency Review Teams/Agency Landing Teams from July 1, 2016 to the present	5-May-17
014	19-Dec-16	Tu Nguyen		Records located within Radio Free Asia and the Open Technology Fund that contains the terms "Viet Tan", "viettan", or "Viet Nam Reform Party"	9-Jan-17
015	19-Dec-16	David Bland, Jr.		The identity of the person or entity that purchased a series of commercial advertisements that aired between June 6, 2016 and June 9, 2016	10-Jan-17
016	19-Dec-16	Cori Cohen	Law offices of Gary Gilbert	Copies of all records and documents, including e-mails, referring or relating to BBG's determinations set forth in the December 6, 2016 letter regarding The Department of State Office of Inspector General's Report on Donald May's allegation of retaliation. You are also seeking any documents generated as a result of the investigation	30-May-17
017	20-Dec-16	Brendan O'Connor		All pre-written or pre-recorded obituaries of President-elect Donald Trump prepared by BBG from January 1982 to the date this request is processed	9-Jan-17
018	20-Dec-16	Cori Cohen	Law offices of Gary Gilbert	Copies of all records and documents, including e-mails, referring or relating to BBG's determinations set forth in the December 6, 2016 letter regarding The Department of State Office of Inspector General's Report on Christopher Carzoli's allegation of retaliation, and any documents generated as a result of the investigation	30-May-17
019	3-Jan-17	John Greenwald Jr.		A list of all agency premium travel expenditures in 2016	17-Jan-17
020	3-Jan-17	John Greenwald Jr.		An electronic copy of the FOIA Case Log for the 2016 calendar year	17-Jan-17
021	10-Jan-17	Michael Ravnitzky		An electronic copy of the BBG Manual of Operations and Administration (MOA)	17-Jan-17
022	10-Jan-17	Michael Ravnitzky		An electronic copy of the Stringer Guidelines	5-May-17
023	10-Jan-17	Michael Ravnitzky		An electronic copy of the BBG Manual of Operations and Administration, also known as the Broadcasting Administrative Manual (BAM)	2-Jun-17
024	13-Jan-17	Karen Troutman	Dewey Publications	The name, title, and work e-mail and mailing address for persons in the following BBG positions: 1. Human Relations Directors; 2. Civil Rights Directors; 3. Equal Employment Opportunity Directors; 4. Labor Relations Directors; 5. Workers' Compensation Directors; 6. Training Directors; 7. Personnel Offices/Employee Relations Offices/Labor Relations Offices; a. Chiefs of Staffing/Classification; b. Chiefs of Labor Relations; c. Chiefs of Employee Relations; 8. General Counsel Offices, Assistant or Deputy General Counsel for; i. Litigation; ii. Administrative Law; iii. EEO/Civil Rights; iv. Labor and Employment Law; 9. Chief Equal Employment Opportunity Counselors	2-Jun-17
025	24-Jan-17	Roger Strother		An electronic copy of records of meetings or conversations between Voice of America staff and the incoming Trump administration from January 20, 2017 to the present concerning social media and broadcasting content guidance	2-Jun-17
026	30-Jan-17	Aaron Sankin	Center for Investigative Reporting	Documents and communications regarding a tweet sent by the @VOANews Twitter account at 5:51pm on January 21, 2017	13-Jun-17

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027	30-Jan-17	Ramin Skibba		A copy of documents and records between November 9, 2016 and January 19, 2017 that contain the words "Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act," "CDPA," or "Global Engagement Center"	13-Jun-17
028	30-Jan-17	Michael Best	Glomar Disclosure	An electronic copy of all communications between the BBG and the White House, White House staff, or the Executive Office of the President since January 20, 2017	1-Mar-17
029	2-Feb-17	Sadaqat Jan		A copy of various documents and information regarding a recently advertised Bridge Editor position (IMP-100002683-17-MA)	13-Jun-17
030	6-Feb-17	Yasha Levine	Pando Daily	All email correspondence containing the terms "Viet Tan" and "viettan" located within the BBG	1-Mar-17
031	6-Feb-17	Privacy Act Request		-	13-Jun-17
032	6-Feb-17	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy, in electronic format, of the five most recent Monthly Reports to the BBG Board	13-Jun-17
033	6-Feb-17	Michael Ravnitzky		An electronic copy of the following documents from the VOA Employee Orientation section of BBG Intranet: 1. Conflicts of Interest - What to Watch For, Who to Ask; 2. What do VOA's Audiences Have a Right to Expect; 3. An Editor Checklist; and 4. BBG Copyright Guide	15-Jun-17
034	9-Feb-17	Michael Ravnitzky		An electronic copy of the "VOA Handbook – Table of Contents" located on the BBG Intranet	15-Jun-17
035	15-Feb-17	Aaron Sankin	MuckRock	All records concerning communications between the Agency and the Government Accountability Institute (GAI) since 2012	9-Mar-17
036	27-Feb-17	Jason Leopold	Buzzfeed News	An electronic copy of all communications to and from the BBG and the White House, White House staff, or the Executive Office of the President since January 20, 2017	10-Mar-17
037	3-Mar-17	Sadaqat Jan		A copy of the files associated with the recently-advertised Supervisory News Editor (Digital) position (DE-10003307-17-LM)	15-Jun-17
038	7-Mar-17	Brody Mullins		Copies of all e-mails (including attachments) and phone logs between BBG employees and Rep. Edward Royce and/or employees in his office from January 1, 2010 to present	29-Jun-17
039	9-Mar-17	Mike Davis		Any documentation, e-mails, notes, and electronic media which may have been created for the publication of the article entitled, "Poll: Trump Favorability Higher than Media, Congress, Political Foes" (http://www.voanews.com/a/poll-trump-favorability/3756996.html)	19-Jun-17
040	13-Mar-17	Michael Ravnitzky		An electronic copy of the FY2018 BBG Congressional Budget Justification	24-Mar-17
041	14-Mar-17	Beryl Lipton		An electronic copy of any available Log of Appeals from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016, including the request and appeal numbers, the description of the subject matter, the date and office of initial appeal receipt, the appeal close date, and the final disposition status of the appeal; all appeal and opinion letters in which the determination was to reverse, remand, and/or affirm the request along with any instructive materials provided or utilized by BBG's employees; the name and contact information for the appropriate appeal authority	2-Jun-17
042	28-Mar-17	Annephia Proctor		A copy of all documentation supporting Michelle Stewart's alleged statement from the General Counsel indicating that there was enough information to terminate you as a Union Representative	30-Jun-17
043	29-Mar-17	Rachel Tackett		A copy of the "IFA Budget Request" submitted by Radio Free Asia to BBG from December 16, 2015 to March 29, 2017	20-Jun-17
044	30-Mar-17	John Greenwald Jr.		A copy of all documents pertaining to FOIA17-004 including case processing notes and e-mails sent regarding the case, along with letters and memoranda that were generated or reference FOIA17-004	20-Jun-17
045	3-Apr-17	USAID Referral	Jack Gillum	Five pages of responsive records to our agency for review and release from USAID (USAID FOIA No.: F-00212-14)	20-Jun-17
046	28-Apr-17	Tom Blanton	The National Security Archive	A copy of all e-mails received by the BBG between January 20, 2017 and April 28, 2017 from any Republican National Committee domain, including but not limited to e-mails from www.rnchq.org	5-May-17
047	1-May-17	Ahmad Ajaj		A copy of any and all records and documents, including electronic records, related or referring to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing	5-May-17
048	2-May-17	FBI Referral	Matt Novak	Six pages of responsive records to our agency for review and release from the FBI (FBI FOIA number FBI FOI/PA # 1354366-000)	20-Jun-17
049	18-May-17	Brendan O'Connor	Gizmodo	E-mail correspondence and video footage associated with the visit of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to the U.S. between the dates of May 15-19, 2017	27-Jun-17
050	23-May-17	Privacy Act Request		-	12-Oct-17
051	25-May-17	Steve Reilly	USA Today	Electronic copies of all ethics waivers granted pursuant to Executive Order 13770 for officials within BBG from January 28, 2017 to present	1-Jun-17
052	30-May-17	Nick Surgey	Center for Media and Democracy	A list containing any and all BBG political appointees hired along with their resumes from January 20, 2017 until the date of the final response to this request	2-Jun-17

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053	21-Jul-17	Andrew Levander	Dechert LLP	Records from between April 1 through June 1, 2017 generated in connection with a live interview with Guo Wengui conducted on April 19, 2017 (the "Interview"). Your specific requests were detailed as follows: Emails or written communications between, from, or to 1) VOA journalists Dong Fang, Sasha Gong (also known as Sasha Gong Xioxia or Gong Xiaoxia), Yang Chen, Bao Shen or Li Su (collectively the "Journalists") regarding the Interview. 2) Any of the Journalists regarding any pre-interviews conducted with Guo or the Journalists' preparation for the Interview. 3) Any of the Journalists regarding attempts to corroborate or substantiate any of Guo's statements made during pre-interviews or during the Interview regarding HNA, Hainan Airlines, or any of their principals, affiliates, or related entities and employees. 4) Any of the Journalists regarding or relating to the suspension or disciplinary action taken by VOA against the Journalists. 5) VOA management, Amanda Bennett, Sandy Sugawara, Kelu Chao, or Norm Goodman (collectively the "Management"), regarding the Interview. 6) Any of the Management regarding any pre-interviews conducted with Guo or the Journalists' preparation for the Interview. 7) Any of the Management regarding attempts to corroborate or substantiate any of Guo's statements made during pre-interviews or during the Interview regarding HNA, Hainan Airlines, or any of their principals, affiliates, or related entities and employees. 8) Any of the Management regarding or relating to the suspension or disciplinary action taken by VOA against the Journalists. 9) Communications with Guo or his representatives regarding the Interview or topics discussed in the Interview	-
054	16-Jun-17	Russel Neiss		An electronic copy of all original footage; full clips; unedited and raw video; drafts; unfinished versions; source video, audio, and media; B roll and out-takes pertaining to the May 16, 2017 demonstration outside the Turkish Embassy in Northwest Washington, D.C.	27-Jun-17
055	19-Jun-17	John Greenwald Jr.		A copy of the Intranet site home page of BBG/IBB/VOA along with "each intranet page directly linked to that home page by one click"	8-Aug-17
056	19-Jun-17	John Greenwald Jr.		A copy of the VOA Employee Orientation Page on the BBG Intranet site	9-Aug-17
057	20-Jun-17	Jeffrey Light	Ryan Shaprio and Property of the People	A digital copy, with edited and unedited footage, of Voice of America's Persian News Network Broadcasts program "Farsi News" on April 6, 2017 (12:20-12:40pm) and April 7, 2017 (09:20-09:40am) regarding President Trump or Mar-a-Lago. Additionally, you ask for e-mails, correspondences, or other records discussing filming at Mar-a-Lago on these dates, including, but not limited to, correspondence: With the Associated Press relating to satellite transmission from Mar-a-Lago; Discussing travel to and lodging arrangements at Mar-a-Lago; To or from staff at Mar-a-Lago; To or from other federal agencies pertaining to filming at Mar-a-Lago; and About how, via internal discussions, to edit or present Trump or Mar-a-Lago on "Fasi News" for April 6, 2017 and/or April 7, 2017	29-Sep-17
058	20-Jun-17	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the Monthly Reports to the BBG Board from January 2012 through July 2015	26-Aug-17
059	27-Jun-17	Kristi Jepersen	Judicial Watch	A copy of FY16 and FY17 digital advertising proposals, as well as any FY17 billboard advertising proposals	14-Aug-17
060	5-Jul-17	Michael Ravnitzky		A digital copy of the following five documents locate on the Voice of America Employee Orientation page of the BBG intranet site: The VOA Handbook Table of Contents; Radio – Sound Gathering and Distribution; TV Audio Mix; Webcam Instructions; and Tips for Working with a Mini-cam	10-Aug-17
061	3-Aug-17	Aaron Sankin	Center for Investigative Reporting	Any and all documents, records, and e-mails regarding BBG funding of Radio Free Asia's Open Technology Fund between January 21, 2017 and July 20, 2017	9-Aug-17
062	11-Sep-17	Bruce Alpert		Copies of all consultant reports on the Voice of America's Learning English and Voice of America operations from October 1, 2016 through September 11, 2017, as well as copies of records of all payments made to the people or companies that did these reports, including all compensation paid for their efforts as well as reimbursement for expenses	-

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063	21-Sep-17	Sai	SaiCorp	Electronic copies of the following records: 1. All: a) descriptions of its central and field organization and the established places at which, the employees (and in the case of a uniformed service, the members) from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may obtain information, make submittals or requests, or obtain decisions; b) statements of the general course and method by which its functions are channeled and determined, including the nature and requirements of all formal and informal procedures available; c) rules of procedure, descriptions of forms available or the places at which forms may be obtained, and instructions as to the scope and contents of all papers, reports, or examinations; d) substantive rules of general applicability adopted as authorized by law, and statements of general policy or interpretations of general applicability formulated and adopted by the agency; and e) each amendment, revision, or repeal of the foregoing, Except such records as have been published in the Federal Register. 2. All: a) final opinions, including concurring and dissenting opinions, as well as orders, made in the adjudication of cases; b) those statements of policy and interpretations which have been adopted by the agency; c) administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public; d) copies of all records, regardless of form or format that have been requested 3 or more times; and e) a general index of the records referred to under subparagraph (D); and f) current indexes providing identifying information for the public as to any matter issued, adopted, or promulgated after July 4, 1967, and identified in paragraphs (A)-(E), Except such records as have been published in the Federal Register or are available in the Agency's online FOIA reading room. 3. All records relating to the fulfillment of this request	-
064	21-Sep-17	Michael Ravnitzky		An electronic copy of the 2017 Federal Employment Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) – Agency Management Report and the 2017 FEVS – Trend Report for the BBG	-