This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

A group of Internal Revenue Service employees created a video in which they dressed as "Star Trek" characters. The video was intended for training purposes. When word got out about the video, particularly that tens of thousands of dollars were spent on it, many said the IRS workers should not have wasted taxpayer dollars on such creations. Citizens need to know if their government agencies are wasting taxpayer dollars to produce such videos. See this actual video http://youtu.be/VxU6n4pAnrU

I request a complete and thorough search of all filing systems and locations for all training videos produced by or for your department during the year 2014. I seek records maintained by your agency pertaining to and/or captioned, Training Videos, during 2014. I also request you forward copies of any videos made during 2014 by your department. This request seeks to find other videos produced by other governmental agencies and departments that are wasteful, useless, or inappropriate.

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media/press and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

Additional information:
Please place missing documents on "special locate" and advise me that you have done this. I wish to make it clear that I want all records in your office "identifiable with my request," even though reports on those records have been sent to headquarters and even though there may be duplication between the two sets of files. I do not want just "interim" documents. I want all documents as they appear in the "main" files and "see references" of all units of your agency. If documents are denied, in whole or in part, please specify which exemption(s) is (are) claimed for each document denied. Give the number of pages in each document and the total number of pages pertaining to this request and the dates of the documents withheld. I request that excised material be "blacked out" rather than "whited out" or cut-out and that the remaining non-exempt portions of the documents be released as provided under the Freedom of Information Act. Please send a memo (with a copy or copies to me) to the appropriate unit(s) in your office to assure that no records related to this request are destroyed. Please advise of any destruction of records and include the date and authority for such destruction. As I expect to appeal any denials, please specify the office and address to which an appeal should be directed.

I can be reached at the phone number listed below. Please Email rather than write if there are any questions of it you need additional information from me. I expect a response to this request within the mandated time as provided in the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully yours,
William Hirst
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Thank You, Bill