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From: Herbert Muschamp <muschamp@nytimes.com>  
Subject:

Dear John Young,  
    Could you please give me a call at (212) 346-9744?  
    Thank you.

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Date: Wed, 06 Aug 2003 16:57:06 -0700  
To: Herbert Muschamp <muschamp@nytimes.com>  
From: John Young <jya@pipeline.com>  
Subject: FOI Request on WTC

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InspectorGeneral@panynj.gov  
From: John Young <jya@pipeline.com>  
Subject: Freedom of Information Request  
Date: 8/6/03 12:13 PM

August 6, 2003

Mr. John Whitehead  
Chairman  
Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

Mr. Kevin Rampe  
President  
Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

Mr. Charles A. Gargano  
Chairman  
Empire State Development

Mr. Anthony R. Coscia  
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Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Mr. Joseph J. Seymour  
Executive Director  
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Mr. Robert E. Van Etten  
Inspector General  
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Subject: Freedom of Information Request, World Trade Center

Dear Messrs. Whitehead, Rampe, Gargano, Coscia, Seymour and Van Etten,

This request is made under provisions of federal, state and local law governing freedom of information on governmental activities.

A. I request information and documents concerning proposals, review criteria, recommendations, final decision by Governor Pataki and contract(s) for the selection and contracting of Studio Daniel Libeskind as architect and planner for the World Trade Center.

B. I request information and documents concerning RFPs, bidders lists, proposals, review criteria, recommendations, and contracts for public relations services in connection with the promotion, publicity, planning, funding, design and construction of the World Trade Center.

Information requested for A and B includes but is not limited to:

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8. Documentaion on notification of losers and winner among the proposers.
9. Contracts for services: parties, date, duration, services, fees and reimbursibles.

We will be pleased to pay for costs of this request as provided by law on FOI.

Sincerely,

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Thank you and bless you.

At 04:57 PM 8/6/2003 -0700, you wrote:

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To: John Young <jya@pipeline.com>  
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Subject: CONFIDENTIAL

Hi. Do you have any information on how Libeskind's role is defined by his contract(s)?



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Attached:

No, but I hope information on Libeskind's contracts will come from the FOI request. I don't know who the contracting party is: LMDC, EDC, PA or some other. There may be multiple contracts with multiple parties.

As you may know, in some instances a special contracting agent is set up to distance the role of public agencies who may be subject to FOI for terms of contracts.

To be sure, that is what public authorities like PA and EDC were set up to do, but now increase the distance from public accountability by hiring contractors to hire contractors. Local development authorities, set up under EDC's pervasive mandate, like LMDC, serve this role as well,

Some years ago I attempted to gather information about all of NY's many public authorities from the New York State Public Authorities Control Board, then headed by NY State Senator John Marchi, and got almost nothing.

This board continues to "oversee" the authorities but is itself inscrutable. The Times wrote about the board recently in its investigative series on state government, and noted that it serves to provide an appearance of public oversight but in fact assures the authorities remain controlled for political purposes -- my language not the Times'.

Regards,

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Mr. Muschamp,

The FBI sent two Special Agents to my place last week to warn that information on my website Cryptome.org (a 7-year-old FOI archive of about 15,000 files) might be used to harm the United States. My account below of the visit:

<http://cryptome.org/fbi-cryptome.htm>

I have filed an FOI request for information on what led to the visit.

Regards,

John Young

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November 4, 2003

Cryptome received a visit today from FBI Special Agents Todd Renner and Christopher Kelly from the FBI Counterterrorism Office in New York, 26 Federal Plaza, telephone (212) 384-1000. Both agents presented official ID and business cards.

SA Renner said that a person had reported Cryptome as a source of information that could be used to harm the United States. He said Cryptome website had been examined and nothing on the site was illegal but information there might be used for harmful purposes. He noted that information in the Cryptome CDs might wind up in the wrong hands.

SA Renner said there is no investigation of Cryptome, that the purpose of the visit was to ask Cryptome to report to the FBI any information which Cryptome "had a gut feeling" could be a threat

to the nation.

There was a discussion of the purpose of Cryptome, freedom of information, the need for more public information on threats to the nation and what citizens can do to protect themselves, the need for more public information about how the FBI functions in the field and the intention of visits like the one today.

SA Kelly said such visits are increasingly common as the FBI works to improve the reporting of information about threats to the US.

Asked what will happen as a result of the visit. SA Renner said he will write a report of the visit.

Cryptome said it will publish a report of the visit, including naming the agents. Both agents expressed concern about their names being published for that might lead to a threat against them and/or their families -- one saying that due to copious personal databases any name can be traced.

Cryptome said the reason for publishing names of agents is so that anyone can verify that a contact has been made, and that more public information is needed on how FBI agents function and who they are.

Cryptome noted that on a previous occasion ( <http://cryptome.org/fbi-psia.htm> ) FBI agents had protested publication of their names by Cryptome.

Cryptome did not agree to report anything to the FBI that is not available on the website.

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