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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

VIA U.S. CERTIFIED MAIL

Freedom of Information Officer
Office of Information Programs and Services
A/GIS/IPS/RL
U. S. Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20522-8100

Dear FOIA Officer:

Under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), I hereby request the following:

Any and all records, correspondence, and memos, in any and all formants, that mention, reference or relate to the selection, approval, status, and/or classification of Cheryl Mills as a special Government employee. This request applies to Cheryl Mills' special government status in both 2009 and 2013.

Additionally, this request seeks any and all records, correspondence, and memos, in any and all formants, that mention, reference or relate to ProPublica's FOIA request (F-2013-12081) regarding State Department special Government employees. To clarify, this request includes any records that may exist about ProPublica's FOIA and why Cheryl Mills' 2009 special Government status was excluded from the State Department's FOIA response.

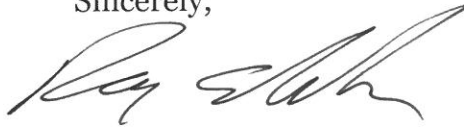
In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am requesting on behalf of the Republican National Committee (RNC) and this information is not primarily in the commercial interest of the RNC. I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$25. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations of the Department of State.

Where exemptions to the Freedom of Information Act are discretionary, I ask you not withhold such records, even if they might qualify for withholding under the law. If you withhold any records as exempt, please redact the exempted portions and release the remainder of the records. In any case where you withhold any records, please explain in writing any such denial. Please release all reasonably segregable material.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have

any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raj Shah', with a stylized, flowing script.

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