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Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Brandi Backus <bbackus@historyassociates.com>
Subject: History Associates, Inc., Fifth Vermont Public Records Act Request

Brandi,

I write to provide you with a cost estimate for the fifth public records request of History Associates, Inc. The fifth request was emailed to us by James Mitchell on July 18, 2022, at 8:15:30 am.

As I have previously advised you, our office charges requesters for the staff time associated with complying with public records requests. 1 V.S.A. § 316(c). The first 30 minutes of staff time is free. *Id.* Beyond 30 minutes, we follow the Secretary of State's (SOS) Uniform Charges Schedule, available on the SOS's website. <https://sos.vermont.gov/vsara/manage/information-governance/compliance/uniform-charges-schedule/> In short, for an attorney's time spent fulfilling your request, we charge \$0.57/minute; for other staff time we charge \$0.45/minute, except when the time spent is photocopying pages. In the latter case, we charge \$0.33/minute. If hard copies are requested, the Uniform Charges Schedule provides for those costs, as well.

We estimate that it will require approximately 1220 minutes or 20 hours of additional time divided evenly between lawyers and paralegals- approximately \$622.20- to collect and review the requested records analyze the potential applicability of statutory exemptions from disclosure, perform any necessary redactions and prepare records for production. Please advise whether you would like us to proceed. While we have already devoted significantly more than one-half hour to complying with your fifth request we will treat that time as consuming only the 30 minutes of free time. We will begin assessing charges when we resume our work on this request after you give us the go-ahead.

This estimate covers records identified to date. Our work on responding to your requests is continuing. In the event that additional records potentially responsive to your fifth request are identified for which we would assess additional charges we will let you know.

Thank you.

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