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VIA E-Mail

Alan Keays and Anne Galloway
VT Digger
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Dear Alan and Anne:

This is in reply to your June 26 email requesting documents relating to the "NAAG review." NAAG refers to the National Association of Attorneys General.

Your original request, dated June 16, asked for "any and all communications between any person from the Vermont Attorney General's Office, or representing the Vermont Attorney General's office and the National Association of Attorneys General this year." The Office did a preliminary search and on June 21 informed you that there were more than 2,000 responsive documents. This prompted your June 26 email which narrowed your request to communications related to the recent NAAG management review.

There are approximately 360 documents potentially responsive to the narrowed request. Many of these documents are scheduling messages and the like. Others may contain information that would have to be redacted to comply with the records laws and other legal requirements. The Office would have to review the documents to determine whether redactions are required.

Estimating a review time of 2 minutes per document, it would take 720 minutes to review the 360 documents. Attorneys and non-attorneys would work on the review. The estimated charge for this portion of your production -- using the mid-level rate of \$.45 a minute -- would be \$324.00. If you would like us to proceed with the review and production of these documents please provide advance payment of \$324.00 pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 316(c).

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The Office is producing the fourteen pages of notes taken by the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Chief Attorney General at the conclusion of the management review. The notes have been redacted consistent with 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(3) (Professional Conduct Rule 1.6); 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(4) (attorney client and work product privileges); 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7) (protecting the privacy and confidentiality of personal records); and 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(12) (protecting records related to the formulation of policy where there would be an unwarranted invasion of privacy). The Office is waiving the charges for this production.

To the extent you consider this response to be a denial of your request, you may appeal to the Deputy Attorney General. Any appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

Joshua Diamond, Esq.
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109 State Street
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



William Griffin
Chief Assistant Attorney General

Attachments – 14 pages of notes