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Mr. Ralph Kermit Winterrowd, II
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Re: OLP/03-R0146
MAP:TSW:APM

Dear Mr. Winterrowd:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 19, 2002, and received in this Office on December 3, 2002, for copies of various documents regarding nine judges as outlined in your letter. This response is being made on behalf of the Office of Legal Policy.

A records search was conducted in the above-mentioned Office and we located the administrative section of the personnel files for each of the judges you requested. Within those files we located the Oaths of Office, Appointment Affidavits, and Congressional and Presidential confirmations. Federal judges are not bonded and so no "Official Bonds" were located in the files. I have determined that thirty-eight of these documents, totaling thirty-eight pages, are appropriate for release without excision and copies are enclosed. Also enclosed are eight documents, totaling nine pages, that are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. We apologize for the quality of certain pages; however, no better copies could be obtained. We trust this satisfies your request. If you have any questions regarding the content of judicial nomination files, you may contact Amy McNulty, the FOIA Specialist handling your request, at (202) 616-5484. You might also be interested in the Federal Judicial Center's web site, www.fjc.gov, which contains some biographical information for federal judges. For your information, the FOIA does not require agencies to provide certified copies of documents.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this request, you may administratively appeal from this partial denial by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Melanie Ann Pustay
Deputy Director

Enclosures