



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

January 13, 2003

Elena Ruth Sassower
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your fax of January 9, 2003, concerning your previous letter, dated December 6, 2002, and received by this office on December 9, 2002, regarding a FOIL request from March 30, 2001, which in turn renewed a FOIL request from March 30, 1999. In the December 6 letter, you renew and supplement your prior FOIL requests; your several requests are further supplemented in your January 9 fax. Thank you for the comprehensive history of these several requests, which will better enable me to evaluate their status, and determine what additional documents in the possession of the Executive Chamber, if any, will be responsive to them.

Please be advised that as with any FOIL request, this office is only obligated to grant access to those documents or records which are kept by the Executive Chamber, subject to certain exemptions. Further, this office is not obligated to grant access to those documents or records that are not kept within the Executive Chamber or those documents or records that do not exist. In addition, FOIL does not require a state agency to create a document in response to a FOIL Request.

I will review our records to determine what materials we have, if any, that would be responsive to your request. In light of the breadth of your several requests, this may be a lengthy process. We should be able to provide you with a further response no later than February 10, 2003.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Ustin
Assistant Counsel to the Governor
Records Access Officer

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