February 22, 2008

## BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

Katrina M. Wood Requester Communications Branch Office of Information Programs and Services Department of State Washington, DC 20522-8100

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Wood:

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and is submitted to the Department of State on behalf of the Electronic Frontier Foundation's client, Sophia Helena In 't Veld, a citizen of the Netherlands and member of the European Parliament.

We are seeking all records concerning Ms. In 't Veld (including but not limited to electronic records) maintained in the Department of State visa databases.

Enclosed is a statement executed by Ms. In 't Veld authorizing the State Department to release information maintained under her name to EFF as required by 22 C.F.R. § 171.12(a). To assist the Department in its search for responsive records, Ms. In 't Veld has also provided such verification of her identity as would be required for a Privacy Act request under 22 C.F.R. § 171.32(b) (even though we recognize that Ms. In 't Veld, as a foreign national, is not legally entitled to access her records under the Privacy Act). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, she has made her statement under penalty of perjury in lieu of notarization.

For purposes of fee assessments, Ms. In 't Veld is an individual requester who is not seeking the requested records for commercial use. She agrees to pay up to \$25 for the processing of this request; however, should the State Department estimate that this request will be assessed a greater amount, please let me know before you impose any such fee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 436-9333 x. 116. As the FOIA provides, I will anticipate a determination on this request from your office within 20 working days.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Such verification is, however, not required under the FOIA or State Department regulations governing FOIA requests.

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Sincerely,

Marcia Hofmann Staff Attorney

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## <u>VERIFICATION OF IDENTIFICATION AND</u> AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION

I, Sophia Helena In 't Veld, hereby authorize this agency to disclose records concerning me to the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), which has submitted the accompanying Freedom of Information Act request on my behalf. In order to verify my identity and assist you in locating responsive information, I am providing the following identifying data:

Full name: Sophia Helena In 't Veld

Current address:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Visa records:

Visa application made at U.S. Foreign Service Post in : Brussels, Belgium

Type of VISA: non-immigrant (A2)
Date of issuance: 21 June 2005

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

18.02.2008

Date

Sophia Helena In 't Veld