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Re: Follow-up to Your Correspondence Dated February 15, 2005 to Commissioner M. L. Brown

Dear Ms. Baiber:

Previously, the above correspondence addressed to Commissioner M. L. Brown of the Department of California Highway Patrol ("the Department") was responded to by this office in correspondence dated February 17, 2005. Invoking provisions of Government Code Section 6253(c) for additional time within which to respond to your inquiry, you were informed that a response would be provided to you on or before March 11, 2005. This reply is thus timely.

Your correspondence, a request under the Public Records Act, California Government Code Sections 6250 et seq., sought copies of any public records "identifying costs associated with providing security for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger." You specifically sought public records concerning "Costs of and expenditures of taxpayer dollars made to provide security for the governor of California and his family from November 17, 2003 to the present, both in California and for travel out of state, including California Highway Patrol and other personnel costs, equipment, travel expenses, and logistical support."

The Department is unable to provide you with documents responsive to your inquiry. The Department is required by law to protect the Governor, and all other state constitutional officers. This protection is provided at all times. For reasons of security, specific information on costs and details of the Department's resources expended for protective services are not considered "public" and are thus not disclosed. (See, e.g., Section 6254(f).)

Further inquiries concerning your request under the Public Records Act should be referred to this office.

Sincerely,

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cc: Legal Coordination Section