



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 10, 2005

Ms. Carmen Balber
The Foundation for Taxpayer
and Consumer Rights
1750 Ocean Park Boulevard #200
Santa Monica, California 90405

Re: Request for Public Records

Dear Ms. Balber:

You have requested this office to provide you with access to, and copies of, public records concerning the "costs" and "expenditures" related to the provision of official security for Governor Schwarzenegger and his family.

This office does not possess any public records concerning the costs and expenditures associated with the Governor's official security. For further information, you may wish to contact the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Office of Public Affairs, at P.O. Box 942898, Sacramento, California 94298-0001.

Please note that we have located a limited number of internal documents concerning the administration of security services within the Governor's Office, which are maintained by, or in the custody of, the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary. (Gov. Code, § 6254, subd. (l).) To the extent your request seeks access to these materials, we will not disclose them for inspection since they constitute privileged and confidential communications that directly pertain to the safety and security of the Governor and his family. (*Id.*; Gov. Code, § 6255.)

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (916) 445-0873.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David M. Verhey".

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

Dear Ms. Baiber:

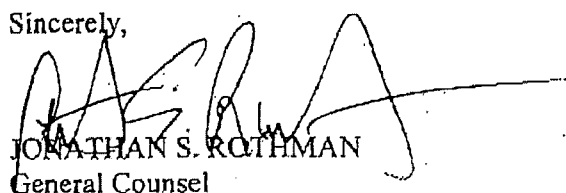
Previously, the above correspondence addressed to Commissioner M. L. Brown of the Department of California Highway Patrol ("the Department") was responded to by this office in correspondence dated February 17, 2005. Invoking provisions of Government Code Section 6253(c) for additional time within which 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,



JONATHAN S. ROTHMAN
General Counsel

cc: Legal Coordination Section

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