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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Richard Condit
General Counsel
Public Employees for Environmental
Responsibility
2001 S Street, NW, Suite 570
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Condit:

The National Park Service is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act request, dated October 26, 2004, requesting, on behalf of former U.S. Park Police Chief Teresa Chambers, records concerning Ms. Chambers. You specifically asked for:

1. A draft employee evaluation written by Deputy Director Donald Murphy concerning Chief Teresa Chambers during the time period covering 2002 and/or 2003.
2. All routings or transmittal documents indicating what officials received copies of the draft evaluation referred to in paragraph 1.

The FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, generally provides that the Government shall make documents available to the public for inspection and copying to the widest extent possible. Certain classes of documents, however, may be exempt if sound legal grounds exist for invoking an exemption. The FOIA does not require that new records be created in response to a request and only applies to records in existence at the time of the request.

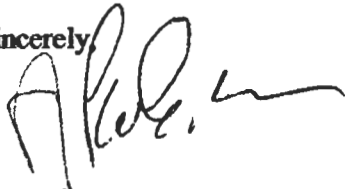
We have searched our files and did not find any documents responsive to your request. You have the right to appeal this decision by writing to the Freedom of Information Act Appeals Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-5312, MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Your appeal must be in writing and received no later than 30 workdays after the date of this letter or 30 workdays after the records have been made available. A copy of your original request and this letter should accompany the appeal as

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well as a brief statement of the reasons why you believe this initial decision to be in error. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfred J. Poole III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alfred J. Poole III
Acting Associate Director, Administration,
Business Practices, and Workforce Development