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Swati Patel
S.C. Governor's Office
Legal division

Dear Ms. Patel,

Under the S.C. Freedom of Information Act, The Post and Courier requests access to or copies of, whether in paper or electronic form:

- A detailed explanation of the reason for the trips and how she spent her time while in a particular place, including for campaign and business with the Republican Governor's Association.
- Itineraries for the trips that include appointments and meetings and with whom the governor met.
- Individuals who attended the trips along with their titles.
- Total cost of each trip and how it was paid for, including travel, hotels and meals.
- Details on accommodations: where did Haley and her staff stay? Who provided the transportation and what is their relationship to the governor? How long did she stay?
- Who invited the governor, who organized the event, what is the event's location?
- Guest lists for the various functions.
- Please provide the above information including – but not limited to – the following trips: San Diego, Calif., Nov. 17-19; Washington, D.C., Feb. 25-28; Palm Beach, Fla., April 7-8; New York City, April 10-11; Morganton, N.C., April 30; Atlanta, Ga., May 4; Washington, D.C., May 10; Baltimore, Md., June 13; New York City, June 29-July 3; Chicago, Ill., July 16-17; Denver and Aspen, Colo., July 22-July 24; Morganton, N.C., Aug. 1-2; Dallas, Texas, Aug. 18-20; Athens, Ga., Sept. 10; Pittsburgh, Pa., and Morgantown, W.V., Sept. 14; Houston and Dallas, Texas, Sept. 20-21; multiple destinations in Michigan, Sept. 22-23; Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 28; and Newark, N.J., Sept. 29.

Please advise us first if there is a cost involved in fulfilling this request. However, the act allows for fees to be waived when associated with requests that serve the public interest, and we respectfully ask that any fees be waived. If you choose to deny this or any part of request, please cite the exemption upon which you base your denial.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any clarification of our request. Please electronically confirm your receipt of this message to ywenger@postandcourier.com.

Sincerely,

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