



## State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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GOVERNOR

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August 3, 2015

Mr. Patrick Howell O'Neill  
MuckRock News  
Post Office Box 55819  
Boston, Massachusetts 02205-5819

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

On July 23, 2015, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request to include "correspondence involving Gov. Haley herself and not only her staff" referring to your initial request of June 19 for "all correspondence involving Gov. Nikki Haley's staff related to the Confederate flag on the grounds of the South Carolina [S]tatehouse."

Our office will provide any and all records in our possession related to your request. Please note that our office will not release information exempt from disclosure under the South Carolina Code of Laws, to include information that would violate attorney-client relationships pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a)(7), information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of privacy pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a)(2), or as is otherwise exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a).

Please be advised that our office will charge a reasonable cost for searching and copying records as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b).

We are currently compiling responsive records to determine an estimated cost. You will be notified as soon as cost estimates have been determined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Swati S. Patel".

Swati S. Patel  
Chief Legal Counsel

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