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To Whom It May Concern:

Under the **South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §30-4-10 et seq.**, I am seeking the following records:

1. Any and all documents, which includes but is not limited to emails, letters, memos, text messages, sent to and received by Governor Nikki Haley between January 1, 2015 and the date the search for responsive records is conducted mentioning or referring to the Confederate Flag.

2. Any and all documents, which includes but is not limited to emails, letters, memos, text messages, sent by Governor Nikki Haley to any member of the South Carolina State Legislature mentioning or referring to the Confederate Flag. The timeframe for this search is June 1, 2015 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted.
3. Any and documents, which includes but is not limited to emails, letters, memos, text messages, sent to Nikki Haley from any member of the South Carolina State Legislature. The timeframe for this search is June 1, 2015 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted.
4. Any and all documents, which includes but is not limited to directives, emails, letters, memos, text messages, between Governor Nikki Haley and any employee in the Office of the Governor mentioning or referring to the June 17, 2015 shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and the Confederate Flag.
5. Any and all documents, which includes but is not limited to emails, letters, memos, text messages, between Governor Nikki Haley and local government and law enforcement officials in Charleston, mentioning or referring to the June 17, 2015 shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and the Confederate Flag.
6. Any and all talking points prepared for Governor Nikki Haley mentioning or referring to the June 17, 2015 shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and the Confederate Flag.
7. Any and all legal guidance provided to Governor Nikki Haley mentioning or referring to the Confederate Flag in the State of South Carolina and taking down and/or removing the Confederate Flag from flying in the State of South Carolina.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$1,000. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of these issues which has attracted national and global attention since the June 17, 2015 shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

This information is not being sought for commercial purposes. I am a senior investigative reporter with VICE News, a global media channel. My reporting has also been published in the The Guardian, The Wall Street Journal, The Financial Times, Salon, CBS Marketwatch, The Los Angeles Times, The Nation, Al Jazeera English and Al Jazeera America.

The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act requires a response time within 15 business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Kind regards,

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