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Dear Mr. Hobbs:

Pursuant to Section 1(a)(2)(B) of Public Chapter No. 1179 of 2008, this letter is in response to your July 14, 2008 request to "view the video shot at the governor's mansion ballroom construction site." We do not have the video footage you seek in our possession; rather it is maintained by a subcontractor working on the Executive Residence who created the video. While, as a private business entity, this subcontractor's videos may not be subject to the State's open records laws, as a courtesy we are nonetheless working with the subcontractor to obtain those videos so they may be available for your review in an effort to be as transparent as possible.

Because the subcontractor maintains these videos, they must compile this footage for us before we can make it available to you for inspection. As you know, assuming these videos were subject to the State's public records laws, Section 1(a)(2)(B)(iii) of Public Chapter No. 1179 permits the custodian of the requested record to state "the time reasonably necessary to produce such record or information", if it is not practicable for the record to be promptly available for inspection. Based on estimates provided to us by the subcontractor, we expect to have the videos available for your inspection within the next two weeks. We will contact you to schedule a time for you to review the videos as soon as we receive them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha S. Nichols".

Martha S. Nichols

cc: Lola Potter