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Brenda Thomas Griffith, Acting FOIA & Privacy Act Officer
National Institute of Standards and Technology
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Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1710

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request — WTC computer models

Dear Ms. Griffith:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552.

I request that a copy of the following document be provided to me:

**SAP2000 computer models (input files) created by or for NIST used in NIST
NCSTAR 1-2: Final Reports of the Federal Building and Fire Investigation of
the World Trade Center Disaster.**

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am affiliated with a private corporation, LARSA, Inc. of New York, which will cover the fees of this request. However, I request that this request be considered non-commercial as disclosure of the document is not primarily in my commercial interests or that of LARSA. Upon receipt of the document, I will post the document for open public access. Further, disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of NIST's production of NCSTAR 1-2, to the public understanding of the events on September 11, 2001, and thus to the public understanding of the federal government's interpretation of those events that were the impetus to start the War on Terror.

I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$2,500. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this amount, please inform me first.

I refer you to FOIA Log #06-84, a previous, similar FOIA request made by another party which requested the above document *plus* several others, and to which I understand a cost estimate of \$2,534.33 was provided. The present request is only for SAP2000 input data files.

The document should not be covered by any of the nine FOIA exemptions. They are not relevant to the internal practices of NIST (in fact they are explained in detail in the above public report), are not trade secrets nor do they contain privileged information (again, their contents are explained in great detail in the above report). In addition, the release of these documents could not endanger any individual both because the buildings they describe no longer exist, and further because the information is already publicly released within the above report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua Tauberer

PS. Feel free to contact me at the above address and number with any questions.