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FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit
Department of Justice
Room 115
LOC Building
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of VelvetRevolution.us (“VR”), a Maryland based national non-profit, I request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, all records and contracts dated on or after January 1, 2006, that discuss, refer to, or relate to Palantir Technologies, Berico Technologies, HBGary Inc, and HBGary Federal. The requested records include documents, correspondence and emails sent to or received from these companies, and to or from members of Congress, or other governmental agencies, as well as records internal to the DOJ.

I request that all fees be waived. VR is a nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to corporate and government accountability, which works with members of the press and Congress to ensure transparency in these matters. VR regularly publishes blogs and exposes based upon information acquired through FOIA and other means. Consumers, lawyers, academics, and politicians rely on our work for reliable information.

VR’s interest in the requested information is not primarily commercial, and disclosure of the information will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. In the wake of the recent disclosures about the activities of the above named companies, there has been significant public speculation about whether the government provided funding for the software programs used by the companies to target and spy on VR and other organizations, reporters and staff. The requested information will make clear whether and to what extent this is the case.

If a waiver is not granted, then please advise me of the amount of any proposed search, review, and reproduction charges before those activities are carried out.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I expect a detailed justification for withholding the records. I also request any segregable portions that are not exempt to be disclosed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Zeese', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Zeese
Attorney at Law

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