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Dear Ms. Regan

I received your September 13, 2012, request for information regarding the "current empaneled federal grand jury in the Western Washington District." You asked specifically for "the Court Order directing empanelment of the grand jury, the letter to prospective grand jurors, and any special jury instructions issued by the Judge."

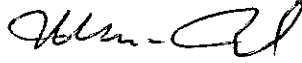
You did not cite a source of authority for your request for information. As you may know, the federal judiciary is exempt from both the federal Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. Nonetheless, the Western District of Washington is committed to making its operations transparent, subject of course to confidentiality requirements imposed by statute or rule, and to protecting the privacy of individuals where appropriate. Without conceding any obligation to respond to your request, I respond as follows:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the summons the District sends to prospective grand jurors, along with the information that appears on the back of the summons. Along with that summons, the District sends a "Frequently Asked Questions" document, which is also enclosed. You will note that these documents contain redactions. Those redactions have been made to protect the confidentiality of grand jury proceedings and to protect the privacy of the currently empaneled grand jurors as well as prospective grand jurors. In the same envelope in which prospective grand jurors receive the summons, they also receive an informational brochure to assist them with the logistical aspects of grand jury service. I have enclosed that as well. I have also enclosed a copy of the most recent order directing the empanelment of a grand jury. That order has also been

redacted for the reasons I have already noted. I have also enclosed a copy of the handbook that our jury staff distribute to prospective grand jurors when they arrive on the day of empanelment. Finally, although the verbatim record of the instructions the District's judges give to grand jurors is under seal, I am enclosing a copy of the model grand jury charge that the Judicial Conference of the United States has approved.

Please contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,



William M. McCool
District Court Executive/Clerk of Court

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Cc: Chief Judge Marsha J. Pechman w/out attachments