

**FEDERAL INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE**  
*“Freedom Of Information Act”*

January 31, 2013

Secretary Janet Napolitano  
Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20528

cc: Jonathan Cantor, Acting Chief Privacy Officer/Chief FOIA Officer, The Privacy Office, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Drive SW, STOP-0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655

Re: Ammunition Acquisitions from ATK

Dear Madame Secretary Napolitano:

Please consider this letter a formal written request for documents under 5 USC S 552, Freedom of Information Act (*as amended*), (*Federal Document Requests*) for release of public documents, requesting printed copies of all relevant documents, including but not limited to, letters, e-mails, minutes of public and private meetings, directives, resolutions, publications, and official or un-official notices, from any and all individuals, private, public or government groups and/or staff, as herein described, covering the ammunition and automatic weapons acquisitions by the Department of Homeland Security.

Actual documented evidence indicates that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) let specific requests for bids to ATK (*a defense contractor*) in Calendar year 2012, for several types of ammunition in very large quantities. (*i.e. 400 million rounds of .40 Hollow Point bullets, 200 million rounds of .223 rifle ammunition and 176,000 sniper rounds of 168 grain Hollow Point bullets and more*) Some estimates put DHS purchases at well over 1 billion rounds of various types of ammunition, much of that ammunition in the form of deadly Hollow Points. In addition, we have learned that DHS has or is purchasing over 7,000 fully automatic AR-15 assault weapons described as “*personal defense weapons*”. The obvious question by many Americans is, what kind of government wants to domestically stockpile billions of rounds of ammunition and fully automatic weapons, putting them in the hands of domestic agents who have nothing whatsoever to do with overseas wars? The obvious conclusion by millions of Americans, is that DHS intends to use the ammunition and automatic weapons against the civilian population of the United States in the event of ..... \_\_\_\_\_, fill in the blank.

The president, under which you serve, promised the American people transparency, but the hard truth is, what the American people have received from this president and members of his cabinet, is stealth, secrets, backroom deals and deceit. These clandestine ammunition purchases by DHS are a prime example.

In the interest of providing that transparency to the American people, we hereby request copies of the following specific documents relating directly to the acquisition of ammunition and automatic weapons as described above.

1. *DHS documents, e-mails, letters, memorandums, notes, minutes of meetings, cables, faxes, or other forms of communication, including the dates, the authors of said communications and names of those receiving copies, wherein the decision was made and by whom, to purchase said ammunition and assault weapons and the intend purpose of said ammunition and assault weapons.*

2. *DHS documents, e-mails, letters, memorandums, notes, minutes of meetings, cables, faxes, or other forms of communication, including the dates, the authors of said communications and names of those receiving copies, wherein the decision was made and by whom, as to what government individuals or agencies, or agency personnel, are to receive said ammunition and assault weapons.*
3. *Copies of documents and/or federal statutes that provide legal authority to DHS to make said purchases, preferably taken from the United States Code, or specific Congressional legislation signed by the President..*
4. *Copies of documents that detail where the money came from in the federal budget to make said purchases and documents specifically authorizing said purchases by the Budget or Appropriations Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives, along with the actual vote of the full House approving said purchases.*

The only approved redactions in such documents will be to protect attorney-client privilege, if any. Rejecting our request by claiming “*in the interest of national security*” is not a valid reason for rejection, in that the purchases of ammunition and automatic weapons were paid for by public money from the Treasury. Said purchases were and are open to the public and therefore in the public domain.

One or more CD-ROM discs containing said documents, in either Microsoft WORD (*not in .docx format*) or Acrobat PDF formatted files is acceptable.

All responses to this request must be in writing. No charges should apply because pursuant to: **5 USC 552 Section 4(A)(iii)** *Documents shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established under clause (ii) if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.* It is abundantly obvious that the information requested **IS** “*in the public interest*”.

If you have any questions about this request, you may contact us in writing at the address shown below. We reserve the right at any time, to either expand or reduce the documents in this request.

The author of this request is a law abiding 75-year old natural-born citizen of the State of Washington and his interest in making this request is to obtain information about his government that he believes is his right and the right of all other American citizens to know, in the interest of transparency and honest government.

Respectfully,

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cc: *copies of this request for information have been e-mailed to major newspapers, radio, TV and cable news networks.*