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Rosario (Ross) Cirrincione (retired) is the former director of the Freedom of Information & Privacy Acts Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, US Department of Health and Human Services.

Rebecca Daugherty is a journalist and the former director of the FOI Service Center, a special project of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. She is an attorney and an editor of Tapping Officials' Secrets, a 50-state and District of Columbia guide to open records and open meeting laws. She is also editor of How to Use the Federal FOI Act, a guide to federal access laws.

Brentin Evitt is an attorney with the Office of Information and Privacy at the United States Department of Justice. His responsibilities include adjudicating administrative appeals, defending agency action in Freedom of Information Act litigation, and answering questions as FOIA counselor. Mr. Evitt is also responsible for Exemption 1 (national security classification) issues at the Office of Information and Privacy. Mr. Evitt continues to serve as a reserve officer and trial defense counsel in the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps.

Marilyn Falksen is the Chief of the Initial Request Staff (IR Staff) in the Office of Information and Privacy (OIP), United States Department of Justice. In that position, she manages the day-to-day operations of the IR Staff, which processes Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Privacy Act, and Mandatory Declassification Review requests for records maintained by or originated in the Office of the Attorney General and other senior leadership offices in the United States Department of Justice.

William Ferroggiaro is a writer and consultant specializing in national security and governance with more than 15 years experience as a practitioner and advocate of open government. For more than a decade he directed the freedom of information program at the National Security Archive, an award-winning public interest group based at George Washington University.

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Richard L. Huff (retired) served as one of two co-directors of the Office of Information and Privacy since the Office's creation in 1982. He was the official designated by the Attorney General to act on all administrative appeals from denials under the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act by Department of Justice components. He has litigated and

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Samuel Jenkins is Chief, Defense Privacy Office. The Defense Privacy Office performs multiple functions including developing policy, providing program oversight, and serving as the DoD focal point for Defense Privacy matters.

Will Kammer has been working with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Declassification fields since 1991. Mr. Kammer has served with the Department of Defense Directorate for Freedom of Information and Security Review (DFOISR) since October 1998, and was named Chief, FOIA Division in February 2000. While at DFOISR, he has developed and implemented FOIA policy, and managed the OSD/JCS FOIA program.

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Jim Leusner is a longtime investigative reporter for the *Orlando Sentinel*. He has probed government, corruption, the 2000 Florida election re-count, land development, municipal bonds and the history of Orlando's tourist corridor. He chronicled the drug war, motorcycle gangs, right-wing militias, serial killers, terrorism and homeland security. He also investigated two space shuttle disasters, and NASCAR safety and the death of racing legend Dale Earnhardt.

Stephen L. McConnell – Mr. McConnell is currently the Deputy Director, Public Services and Protocol Division, Office of Public Affairs, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). In this position he also manages the agency's FOIA program as its Principal FOIA Officer.

Catherine Nielsen is the Freedom of Information Coordinator at the National Security Archive. In this capacity, she works with activists and officials around the world on freedom of information and governmental transparency; monitors the U.S. government's compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); oversees the Archive's FOIA research; and conducts research on trends in freedom of information policy. She is the Archive's FOIA counselor to the U.S. public, advising the news media, scholars and others on use of the Act.

Ramona Oliver is the National Archives and Records Administration's FOIA/PA Officer, within the Office of General Counsel. She began her career at NARA in 1993 as an archivist with the Special Access and FOIA Staff, where she was responsible for providing access to the records of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection and the records of various Independent Counsels.

Sergio Poggione is the president of the Canadian Access and Privacy Association (CAPA) and a long-time member of the American Society of Access Professionals (ASAP). Previous to retirement, he was Director of Access and Privacy for the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (the IRB).

Melanie Ann Pustay is the Director, Policy and Litigation, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice. Her primary responsibilities include the defense of Freedom of Information Act lawsuits brought against the United States government and the drafting of governmentwide policy guidance on a variety of Freedom of Information Act issues. Ms. Pustay is also the official designated to act as the denial authority on all FOIA requests seeking records from the Office of the Attorney General and other Department Leadership Offices. Ms. Pustay has a speciality in the treatment of commercial and financial information submitted to the government by private businesses. She provides counsel to the White House and Congress on legislative initiatives.

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