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Re: Request for Public Records Disclosure Order
Social Security Administration

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. For the reason that follows, we respectfully deny your petition.

Your petition, which we received on May 18, 1993, asks the Attorney General to direct the Social Security Administration in Medford, Oregon to make available in copy form employment information relating to you for the years 1989 and 1990. Under the Public Records Law, the Attorney General has authority to issue a public records order only to ". . . any person denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of any public record of a state agency . . . ." (Emphasis supplied.) ORS 192.450(1). The Social Security Administration is a federal agency and would be subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act. For this reason, we must deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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