



# State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson  
Governor

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Dave Maass  
Staff Writer  
Santa Fe Reporter  
132 E. Marcy  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Re: Request for Information regarding Journalists Lee & Ling

Dear Mr. Maass:

I write in response to your Inspection of Public Records Request dated June 30, 2009. In that request, you asked for "all emails, letters and other correspondence regarding journalists Euna Lee and Laura Ling, including requests from national media to comment on the journalists."

We are unable to provide records to you at this time based on the countervailing public policy exception. The documents you requested to inspect are related to an on-going and very sensitive international matter. Disclosure at this time could possibly jeopardize continued diplomatic efforts to secure the safe release of the two journalists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcie Maestas".

Marcie Maestas  
Records Custodian