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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST
COUP AGAINST CHAVEZ

Robert T. Herman
Information and Privacy Coordinator
Office of Information Services
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Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Mr. Herman:

I would like to obtain through the Freedom of Information Act any documents, regardless of media relating to **the April, 2002 coup against Venezuelan president HUGO CHAVEZ (Hugo Rafael Chavez Frías)**. This is a request for government documents and not press reports of said.

Please be advised that a similar request has been sent to other U.S. Government entities.

I will not be needing material that is publicly-available through FBIS.

I would like this request to be processed under the “representative of the news media” category, which entitles me to a waiver of costs accumulated during the actual search and review process. I understand that in order to comply with the requisites of the “freelance” category of the “representative of the media” requirements of the FOIA, which entitle me to gratuitous searches of your archives, I must offer you proof of said status. However, in accordance with the principles and spirit of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, whose stated goals are “to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public...,” in lieu of sending you photocopies to attest to my due inclusion into this status, which, I include the following Internet URL (http://jeremybigwood.net/JBsPUBS/Articles4FOIA.htm#*) where digital facsimiles of articles I have published can be found. These articles alone are sufficient to fulfill the stated requirements and therefore bestow upon me “representative of the media” status. You will note that I also publish unedited FOIA responses from various US government entities at: (<http://jeremybigwood.net/FOIAs/FOIA.htm>).

I believe that disclosure of the requested information to me 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 my commercial interest. For this reason I request a waiver of all fees. However, in the event that fee waiver is not granted, I agree to pay all photocopying costs in excess of 100 pages.

Respectfully yours,

Jeremy Bigwood