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FOIPA Request No.: NFP-122597
Subject: Cost of Lodging for Federal
Officials in Portland, OR
(June 20, 2020 – August 12, 2020)

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

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Sincerely,

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