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Dear Mr. Lyons:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Law request dated January 19, 2007.

The Research Foundation, as a private, nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation, is not subject to the Freedom of Information Law, in spite of the opinion you received from Mr. Freeman. Even when we do respond to FOIL requests, we generally do not release payroll records in an effort to protect our employees' privacy. However, we are responding to your request and will provide as much information as is appropriate.

1. Susan Bruno was hired by the Research Foundation on May 19, 2003 as assistant director for Foundation Relations. Her starting salary was \$70,000.
2. Ms. Bruno's salary history, which reflects cost-of-living and discretionary increases authorized within the RP's board-approved salary plan, is:
 - a. 2004: \$70,000
 - b. 2005: \$75,881
 - c. 2006: \$79,768
 - d. 2007: \$79,768
3. Ms. Bruno's current position is special assistant to the president.
4. In her current position, she is involved with a variety of initiatives that recognize faculty and that help bring resources to the university. These include:
 - a. The Promising Investigator Program – this effort seeks to raise funds that can be used to provide seed grants to young SUNY faculty researchers.
 - b. Recognition dinners – the Research Foundation holds two dinners each year to honor (1) faculty researchers in the arts, social sciences, humanities, medicine, science and engineering (2) faculty who have received patents or licenses on their inventions.
 - c. US-British community college initiative – this effort seeks to bring SUNY community college presidents in contact with leaders of the comparable "further education schools" in the UK to benefit from one another's knowledge and insight about higher education.

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- d. Marshall Scholarship initiative - this initiative seeks to encourage faculty and SUNY student affairs officials to increase the number of SUNY students receiving prestigious Marshall Scholarships. Ms. Bruno is working with Dr. Ray Raymond, the executive secretary of the New York Marshall Selection Committee. Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. At least forty Scholars are selected each year to study either at graduate or occasionally undergraduate level at an UK institution in any field of study. Each scholarship is held for two years.

I'm enclosing documents that support the information in this letter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Kaszuga

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