

December 2, 2005

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Fran P. Mainella
Director
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Teresa C. Chambers claims

Dear Director Mainella:

Pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), 28 U.S.C. § 2672, 43 C.F.R. Part 22, and 28 C.F.R. Part 14, Teresa Chambers is filing her claim for damages and other relief. Ms. Chambers is seeking compensation of \$1,441,353 for job loss and related damages. This amount would be adjusted downward if the agency reinstated Ms. Chambers to her position as Chief, United States Park Police. In addition, Ms. Chambers seeks \$750,000 in compensation for damaged reputation and emotional distress. Ms. Chambers' claims are supported by the attached affidavit and compact disk containing one hundred forty-four exhibits, which are referenced in the affidavit.

In addition, several of the claims identified herein will also be brought against individual Department of Interior employees who have acted outside the scope of their employment in taking action against Ms. Chambers. Those employee-defendants will be identified if a suit needs to be filed.

I have enclosed an original and two copies of this letter, Ms. Chambers' affidavit, and a compact disk containing the supporting exhibits. Pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 22.3, please time and date stamp this letter, the attached affidavit and compact disk and return one copy to me and forward a copy to the appropriate Associate, Regional, or

Field Solicitor for determination.

Should you or the assigned solicitor determine that additional information is needed in order to properly assess or investigate Ms. Chambers' claims please advise me in writing. Otherwise, I will assume that the agency has all the information necessary to make a determination regarding Ms. Chambers' claims within six months (by June 2, 2006). If the agency makes a negative determination or fails to make a determination within the six month period, a lawsuit will be filed in federal court seeking damages and other relief.

Finally, we urge you and the staff in the Solicitor's Office to insure that review of Ms. Chambers' claims is assigned to someone who has no previous involvement in defending the agency or testifying on the agency's behalf. This will insure the greatest possibility of resolution.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Condit

Counsel for Teresa C. Chambers

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