

*Wikimedia Foundation v. NSA*  
No. 15-cv-0062-TSE (D. Md.)

# Plaintiff's Exhibit 10

# Global exception request

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<b>State</b>	closed successful	<b>Age</b>	1661 d 10 h
<b>Priority</b>	3 normal	<b>Created</b>	09/23/2013 11:06:06
<b>Queue</b>	stewards		
<b>Lock</b>	lock		
<b>CustomerID</b>	Redacted@wikimedians.ca		
<b>Owner</b>	Jamesofur (James Alexander)		

## Article #1

**From:** Redacted@wikimedians.ca  
**To:** stewards@wikimedia.org  
**Subject:** Global exception request  
**Created:** 09/23/2013 11:06:06 by customer  
**Type:** email-external

-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----  
Hash: SHA1

Hi! I was referred to meta[1] when I whinged about not being able to edit from my currently-preferred browser, which utilizes TOR amongst other privacy precautions.

I am a US citizen living abroad. According to recent news reports this places me in a category for elevated surveillance by my government, despite such surveillance of its citizens actually being illegal under US law. I prefer to minimize such invasions of my privacy and so use TOR where possible. The global block on TOR exit points has reduced my spontaneous contributions to the WMF projects I am still somewhat involved with. I believe I would contribute more if, when I see something to fix, I could simply log in and edit rather than log in, attempt to edit, get told I'm blocked, load a different browser and navigate to the page I wish to edit, log in again, and finally make the change.

I believe I am a wikimedian in good standing, with a moderate history of involvement with WMF and with the WMF projects, and am unlikely to engage in grossly inappropriate behaviour (other than, perhaps, discussions regarding WMF trademark practices.)

Regards,

Redacted

P.S. Oh, I'm Redacted everywhere... obviously it's the username I'd prefer to use (and if any of you would be willing to just usurp that darned Italian login I made waaaaaaaay long time ago so I could finally achieve SUL, I'd appreciate that, too. Yah, I've tried to get it through the it.WP bureaucrats a couple of times.)

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Version: GnuPG v1.4.12 (GNU/Linux)  
Comment: Using GnuPG with Thunderbird - http://www.enigmail.net/

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## Article #2

**From:** Wikimedia stewards <stewards@wikimedia.org>  
**To:** Redacted@wikimedians.ca  
**Subject:** Re: [Ticket# Redacted] Global exception request  
**Created:** 09/23/2013 11:17:20 by agent  
**Type:** email-external

Redacted

Gday [Redacted]

Did the global IP block exemption.

Re the account, when they do their global account reconciliation you will get the global account and the other will be renamed, so leaving it and letting it happen is the best management means.

Regards, sDrewth

Wikimedia Stewards

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Article #3

From: Wikimedia stewards <stewards@wikimedia.org>
To: apalmer@wikimedia.org
Subject: Fwd: [Ticket# [Redacted]] Global exception request
Created: 04/03/2018 23:24:05 by agent
Type: email-external

Yours sincerely, James Alexander

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