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OR90-285

Dear Ms. Taylor:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 6207.

The City of Houston received a request for a copy of a document entitled the "Houston Police Department Field Operations Command Manpower Allocation Study." The report is one of five prepared for the chief of police to assist his office in the preparation of a comprehensive manpower allocation report for the department. It contains statistics concerning current manpower distribution and recommendations about the future manpower needs of the Field Operations command sector. You contend that the report is excepted from required public disclosure by sections 3(a)(8) and 3(a)(11) of the Open Records Act.

We believe Open Records Decision No. 531 (1989) is dispositive of this request (copy enclosed). Because the report provides details about the current allocation of manpower throughout the Field Operations command sector, we conclude that the city may withhold the report pursuant to section 3(a)(8). In light of this conclusion, it is unnecessary to consider the applicability of section 3(a)(11).

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-285.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Aragon".

Steve Aragon
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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Ref.: ID# 6207, 6007, 5880

Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 531

cc: Deborah Tedford
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