

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by ) Edward A. Corapinski, ) Complainant )	Report of Hearing Officer
against )	Docket #FIC76-186
Town of Southington and Mr. Adams, ) Town Assessor of the Town of ) Southington, Respondents )	December 3 , 1976

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on November 19, 1976, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared and presented testimony, stipulated to certain facts, and presented argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. The respondents are public agencies as defined in §1(a) of P.A. 75-342.

2. Pursuant to a prior order of this Commission in Edward A. Corapinski against Town of Southington and Assessor of the Town of Southington, docket #FIC76-149, the respondents herein computed its actual cost of photocopying. The respondents notified the complainant by letter dated October 8, 1976 that consistent with said analysis he would be receiving a remittance in the amount of forty-five (45¢) cents.

3. The complainant appealed therefrom by letter filed with this Commission on October 27, 1976, contending that the subsequent cost charged to him still exceeds the cost to the respondents in violation of §5 of P.A. 75-342.

4. The respondents stipulated that supply costs were duplicated in the photocopying cost analysis provided, reducing the total cost charged by an additional 13¢.

5. Both parties stipulated that \$3.40 per hour is the wage for clerical help in the office of the respondent town assessor.

6. The sole question before this Commission is whether 15 minutes constitutes the actual personnel time used in retrieving, copying and returning to the files the requested documents.

7. The complainant was not present when the respondent assessor was directing production of the requested copies.

8. The town clerk and the town assessor both testified that it took 15 minutes to comply with the complainant's request.

9. It is found that 15 minutes was the actual personnel time taken in complying with the complainant's request for copying.

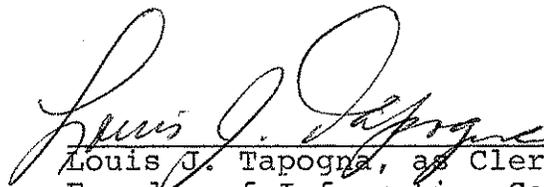
The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record and findings concerning the above captioned complaint:

1. The respondents shall forthwith remit to the complainant fifty-eight (58¢) cents.

  
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Commissioner Helen Loy

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on December 8, 1976.

  
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Louis J. Tapogna, as Clerk of the  
Freedom of Information Commission