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Melanie Sloan
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Washington, DC 20005
Sent via email: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Ms. Sloan:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 9, 2019. The U.S. Army Freedom of Information Act Division, Records Management Declassification Agency (RMDA), referred your request to this office. You are seeking pertaining to your enclosed FOIA request. Your request was assigned our office tracking number FA-20-0080.

Under the FOIA, a government agency is required to make a "good faith effort to conduct a search for responsive records. Our office requested a records search from the Office of the Army General Counsel (OGC). OGC conducted a search for any records responsive to items (1) and (2) of your FOIA request; however, this search failed to yield responsive records. Regarding your request for records responsive to LTC Yevgeny Vindman's "reassignment... to the U.S. Army's Office of General Counsel," please note LTC Yevgeny Vindman was never assigned to OGC. We have determined OGC's search satisfied the FOIA's requirements.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Army FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Alecia Bolling, by email at usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@mail.mil or by phone at (571) 515-0306. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: NARA-OGIS, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov, telephone number (202) 741-5770 toll free at (877) 684-6448 or by facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

This letter constitutes a "no record" determination under the FOIA. This determination has been made on behalf of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, who has designated that this office act as the Initial Denial Authority for records maintained by the Office of the Secretary of the Army and its serviced activities. You have the right to file an administrative appeal with the Office of the Army General Counsel within ninety (90) calendar days. See 32 C.F.R. § 518.17(c). Their mailing address is:

Department of the Army
Office of General Council
104 Army Pentagon, Room 2E724
Washington, D.C. 20310

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the information furnished, please contact this office at (703) 614-5871 or email at usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-rpa.mbx.oaa-cals-mailbox-foia@mail.mil. In all correspondence please refer to FOIA number FA-20-0080.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul V. DeAgostino".

Paul V. DeAgostino
Senior Counsel

Enclosure: Original FOIA Request