



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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Ref: 20-F-1023

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American Oversight
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is a final response to your April 29, 2020 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on April 29 2020, and assigned it case number 20-F-1023. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Executive Services Directorate (ESD), Secretary of Defense for Communications (SECDEF COMM), and Acquisition & Sustainment (A&S), components of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), were tasked to conduct searches in their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After thorough searches of the electronic records and files within ESD and SECDEF COMM, no records of the kind you described could be identified. The office within A&S provided further assessment of your request and stated that they reasonably believe that their office would not have records in their files or at National Records Center (NRC) that are responsive to your request. Furthermore, information sought regarding the Defense Production Act orders or information instructions are not resident in the Department of Defense. The health and medical resources have been sources by the Department of Health and Human Services in response to COVID-19.

We believe that these search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed. However, if you have additional event or file-related information that indicates that we should have such information or that could assist us in conducting a further search for responsive records, please provide that information to us at your earliest convenience. In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact your Action Officer, Erica L. Beckett, at 571-372-0411 or Erica.l.beckett.civ@mail.mil. Additionally, if you have concerns about service received by our office, please contact a member of our Leadership Team at 571-372-0498 or Toll Free at 866-574-4970.

Should you wish to inquire about mediation services, you may contact the OSD/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Melissa S. Walker, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil, or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
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Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 20-F-1023 in any appeal correspondence.

We appreciate your patience in the processing of your request. As stated previously, please contact your Action Officer, Erica L. Beckett, and reference FOIA case number 20-F-1023 for any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

for Pamela Andrews
Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated