

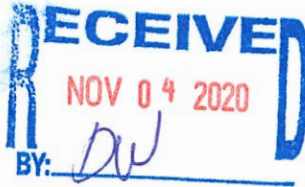
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT
ATTENTION FOIA, MEGAN FIELD
1030 15TH ST NW
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Dear Ms. Field:

This letter is the final response to your August 12, 2020 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). You requested copies of all records reflecting costs reimbursed or paid directly by the Coast Guard for any reimbursable expenses attributable to any federal officials who deployed to Portland, Oregon between June 1, 2020, and August 12, 2020. You indicated that payments or reimbursements include any payments associated with travel, lodging, the cost of government transportation, individual airfare for employees, meals, per diem payments, rental vehicles, overtime payments, payments made via government issued charge cards or travel cards, or other reimbursable expenses. Your request was received in this office on September 23, 2020.

This is not a Denial. We queried officials at the USCG Office of the Judge Advocate General, who confirmed with Coast Guard Headquarters, and with Coast Guard District 13, which encompasses the Portland area, that no Coast Guard members deployed to the Portland area during the June 1, 2020 to August 20, 2020 time frame. As a result, there are no Coast Guard records reflecting any costs attributable to Portland deployments. This records search was conducted by myself and other USCG employees at the Coast Guard Office of the Judge Advocate General and District 13 from October 1-14, 2020.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact me at the USCG Pay and Personnel Center. I processed your request. You may also send an e-mail to efoia@uscg.mil or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Mrs. Amanda Ackerson, at 202-475-3522 in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Contacting the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not a substitute for filing an administrative appeal. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact

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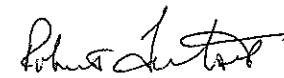
OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you have the right to appeal. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Commandant (CG-611), ATTN: FOIA APPEALS, 2703 Martin Luther King Ave STOP 7710, Washington DC, 20593-7710, following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need to contact our office concerning this request, please call 785-339-3595 and refer to FOIA number 2020-CGFO-02458.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center
By direction