



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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April 20, 2020

Austin R. Evers  
Executive Director, American Oversight  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

**SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST 20-108//  
DON-NAVY-2020-004944**

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request assigned Naval Special Warfare Command (NAVSPECWARCOM) 20-108, DON-NAVY-2020-004944. Specifically, you are requesting records concerning the following:

“Any resignation letter, farewell email message, or formal memorandum of Rear Admiral Collin Green announcing or regarding his decision to step down from his position as Commander of the Naval Special Warfare Command.” [Quoted verbatim].

Pursuant to procedures established in Secretary of the Navy Instruction (SECNAVINST) 5720.42G, our search for responsive records encompassed only those still in existence as of February 24, 2020, the date your request was received.

A thorough search of NAVSPECWARCOM’s executive physical and electronic files in the locations most likely to produce responsive documents, failed to disclose information responsive to your request.

There are no fees associated with the processing of your request.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” You are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation why you believe our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to the NAVSPECWARCOM FOIA/PA Office.

To ensure that your request is received by the deadline, we recommend that you make your appeal by using FOIAonline.

Alternatively, you may mail your appeal to:

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Judge Advocate General (Code 14)  
1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

If you have any questions, please contact the NAVSPECWARCOM FOIA/PA Office, Mr. Eric S. Erdmann at 619-537-1133, or Ms. Marcia Villavicencio at 619-537-3245, or nsw-foia@socom.mil. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, 703-697-0037.

Sincerely,

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CAPT, U. S. Navy  
Chief of Staff

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