



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

Ref: 20-F-0749

Mr. Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to your February 21, 2020 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on February 21, 2020, and assigned it case number 20-F-0749. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Secretary of Defense Communications (SECDEF COMM) and the Executive Services Directorate (ESD), components of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After thorough searches of the electronic records and files of SECDEF COMM and ESD, no records of the kind you described could be identified. We believe that these search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed. After additional research, we determined that the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) likely has records responsive to your request.

In consideration of this fact, we have forwarded your request to SECNAV for their direct response to you. For your convenience, contact information for the SECNAV FOIA office is provided below:

SECNAV/CNO FOIA Office
Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36)
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-2000
FOIA Requester Service Email: DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Melissa S. Walker, at 571-372-0464 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
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-0749 in any appeal correspondence.

This action closes your request with this office, and there are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact Erica L. Beckett at Erica.l.beckett.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0411.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Fisher

For Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated