

**Subject:** FOIA Response, Case Number F22-0093

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**From:** NG TX TXARNG Mailbox Freedom of Information Act

**To:** FOIA

EXTERNAL SENDER

Ms. Wishingrad,

This is our response to your FOIA request dated February 18, 2022 for a copy of: *All dissent memoranda or complaints, including ethics or whistleblower complaints, submitted to the relevant offices in your agency (including, but not limited to, the Office of the General Counsel or Office of the Inspector General) regarding any matters concerning the deployment of Texas Military Department and Texas Department of Public Safety officers as part of Operation Lone Star, or any other deployment of troops or personnel to the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas. American Oversight requests only complaints submitted by Texas employees, appointees, or contractors. To be clear, American Oversight is not asking your agencies to release the names of any career employees or managers who have submitted responsive complaints and does not object to the withholding of the name of any individual submitting a complaint. Please provide all responsive records from March 1, 2021, through the date the search is conducted.*

*American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term "record" in its broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. **No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.** In addition, American Oversight insists that your office use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. American Oversight is available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. **However, custodian searches are still required; governmental authorities may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.** Please search all records regarding official business. **You may not exclude searches of files or emails in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts.** Emails conducting government business sent or received on the personal account of a governmental authority's officer or employee constitutes a record for purposes of the Texas Public Information Act.*

Your request was received on February 18, 2022, clarified on March 23, 2022, and assigned case number F22-0093.

A search by the Records Department failed to locate any records that would be responsive to your FOIA request. Please note, we are still processing your TPIA Request (Case Number T22-60).

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Army FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Alecia Bolling, by e-mail at [usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@mail.mil) or by phone at (703) 428-6462. If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to appeal to the Secretary of the Army by writing to Office of Information and Privacy (NGB/JA-OIP), 111 South George Mason Drive, AH2 Suite 319B, Arlington, VA 22204-1373, or by e-mail, [NGB.FOIA@mail.mil](mailto:NGB.FOIA@mail.mil). Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this response. Your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting your appeal.

This concludes the processing of your FOIA request.

If you have any questions regarding your records request, please feel free to contact our office at this email address or (512) 782-5443.

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