Date: July 20, 2018

Dear Requester:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, originally by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on April 25, 2018, for information pertaining to:

File Number 20180895: All policies and procedures concerning the collection, use, retention, and dissemination of information obtained by the DHS using drones/UAS;

File Number 20180896: All policies and procedures concerning the training and oversight of individuals who work on DHS drone/UAS programs and/or have access to personally identifiable information collected by the DHS using drones/UAS;

File Number 20180897: All policies and procedures concerning the DHS's processing of privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties complaints that arise from the DHS's use of drones/UAS;

File Number 20180898: All annual summaries of DHS drone/UAS operations, publication of which is mandated by the presidential memorandum of February 15, 2015; and

File Number 20180899: the status report required by the presidential memorandum of February 15, 2015.

As it relates to File No.'s 20180895 and 20180896, enclosed are documents responsive to your requests. In efforts to provide you with the greatest degree of access authorized by law, we have considered the reference material under the FOIA regulation, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552. Pursuant to this Act, exemptions have been applied where deemed appropriate. The exemptions cited are marked below.
In addition, approximately 52 page(s) were released, and approximately 0 page(s) were withheld in their entirety. An enclosure to this letter explains the exemptions in more detail.

☒ If this box is checked, deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below.

Section 552 (FOIA)

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As it pertains to File No.’s 20180897 through 20180899, the Secret Service has conducted a reasonable search for responsive records. It appears, from a review of Secret Service’s main indices, that there are no records pertaining to your request that are referenced in these indices.

Please be advised, in the processing of this FOIA/PA request, no fees are being assessed.

As you have already filed suit in the United States District Court for the District Columbia (Case 1:18-cv-00545-KBJ) regarding the above referenced request, there is no further right to administratively appeal this decision outside your pending civil action.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Kim E. Campbell
Special Agent In Charge
Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure:

☒ FOIA and Privacy Act Exemption List
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

Provisions of the Freedom of Information Act do not apply to matter that are:

(b) (1) A specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;

(b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices any agency;

(b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), if that statute: (A)(i) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (ii) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld; and (B) is established after the date of enactment of the OPEN FOIA Act of 2009;

(b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency; provided that the deliberative process privilege shall not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested;

(b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the information: (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source; (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for regulation or supervision of financial institutions;

(b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

PRIVACY ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

The provisions of the Privacy Act do not apply to:

(d) (5) material compiled in reasonable anticipation of civil action or proceeding;

(j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) material is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy;

(k)(2) material compiled during investigations for law enforcement purposes;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or other individuals pursuant to section 3056 of Title 18;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, military service, Federal contracts, or for access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or prior to the September 27, 1975, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the Federal service the disclosure of which would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process;