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**RE: EPIC v. DHS, 18-cv-00545 (D.D.C.)**  
**NPPD FOIA Case Number 2018-HQLI-00022**  
**First Interim Response**

This is the National Protection and Programs Directorate's (NPPD) first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 9, 2016, to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Privacy Office. Your FOIA request sought information pertaining to the use of drones or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) by DHS and is currently the subject of litigation in EPIC v. DHS, 18-cv-00545 (D.D.C.).

A total of 350 pages of records were reviewed for this interim production. The 350 pages of records were derived from a search of records from the NPPD, Office of Infrastructure Protection. Following review, NPPD has determined that 17 pages of records are releasable in their entirety and 7 pages of records are partially releasable pursuant to Exemption 5, 6, 7C and 7E of the FOIA. In addition, 15 pages are being withheld in their entirety pursuant to Exemptions 5, 6, 7C and 7E of the FOIA, inasmuch as the limited segregable information would be of minimal value to the requester. Also, NPPD has determined that of the remaining pages, 109 pages are non-responsive and 202 pages are duplicative.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Johnny H. Walker, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch at [johnny.walker@usdoj.gov](mailto:johnny.walker@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Fuentes".

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