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Ref: 14-F-1137

Ms. Ginger McCall
Electronic Privacy Information Center
1718 Connecticut Ave, N.W.
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ms. McCall:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 17, 2014, which was received in this office on July 22, 2014. Your request has been assigned case number 14-F-1137 and we ask that you use that number when referring to your request.

Expedited processing may be granted when the requester demonstrates a compelling need for the information and shows that the information has a particular value that would be lost if not processed on an expedited basis. A key word here is "demonstrates." It is, therefore, incumbent upon you to demonstrate that the requested records will serve an urgency purpose, and that they also will be meaningful in the sense that they will provide for a greater understanding of actual or alleged federal government activity on the part of the public-at-large than that which existed before such information was disseminated. Consequently, it must be clearly demonstrated that such information has a particular value that will be lost if not disseminated quickly. After careful consideration of your request, this office finds that you have not clearly demonstrated how the information will lose its value if not processed on an expedited basis. For these reasons, your request for expedited processing is denied.

We will be unable to respond to your request within the FOIA's 20 day statutory time period as there are unusual circumstances which impact on our ability to quickly process your request. These unusual circumstances are: (a) the need to search for and collect records from a facility geographically separated from this Office; (b) the potential volume of records responsive to your request; and (c) the need for consultation with one or more other agencies or DoD components having a substantial interest in either the determination or the subject matter of the records. For these reasons, your request has been placed in our complex processing queue and will be worked in the order the request was received. Our current administrative workload is 1554 open requests.

If you would like to discuss how to limit your request in order to speed the processing time, we would be pleased to discuss how you might modify your request. The action officer assigned to your request is Charles Marye at (571) 372-0407. The toll free number for this Office

is 866-574-4970. You may not be aware that we maintain a website and electronic reading room at: <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/>.

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite the case number 14-F-1137, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

for Charles C. Mays

Paul J. Jacobsmeyer
Chief