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Ref: 17-F-0774

Ms. Sara Creighton
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1030 15th Street NW
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Creighton:

This is the final response to your March 31, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. Your request was received on March 31, 2017, and assigned it case number 17-F-0774. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

This FOIA office only processes requests for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Joint Staff (JS). There is no central FOIA processing point for records for the entire Department of Defense (DoD). FOIA processing is decentralized and delegated to those officials of the Military Departments and various DoD Components who generate and/or maintain the records being sought or reviewed. For future reference, you may find links to the non-OSD/JS DoD FOIA Requester Service Centers on our website:
<http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/>.

The Records and Declassification Division (RDD), the Correspondence Management Division (CMD) which is part of Executive Services Directorate (ESD), and the Office of General Counsel (OGC), components of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted searches of their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After thorough searches of the electronic records and files of RDD, ESD, and OGC, no records of the kind you described could be identified. Further, RDD, ESD, and OGC certified that, to the best of their knowledge, the records you describe do not exist. We believe that these search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 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
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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 ODCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 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 use the OSD FOIA request portal at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx> or 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 17-F-0774 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Charles Marye, at charles.c.marye.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0407.

Sincerely,

for Charles C. Marye

Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosure:
As stated