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OPM #: 2022-00300
December 2, 2021

Mr. Kiernan Nicholls
Investigative Reporting Workshop
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Nicholls:

This is the final response to your October 4, 2021 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request from OPM on November 29, 2021, and assigned it FOIA case number 22-F-0231. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

OPM conducted a search of their records systems and generated the attached files determined to be responsive to your request. In my capacity as an Initial Denial Authority, I have determined that some of the information must be withheld pursuant to the provisions of the FOIA, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, exemption (b)(6), as disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the individuals involved.

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 have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Ann Ernest-Johnson, at 571-372-0438 or ann.j.ernest-johnson.civ@mail.mil. Additionally, if you have concerns about service received by our office, please contact a member of our Leadership Team at 571-372-0498 or Toll Free at 866-574-4970.

Should you wish to inquire about mediation services, you may contact the OSD/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Tonya R. Fuentes, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, by writing directly to the following address: 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 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 FOIA case number 22-F-0231 in any appeal correspondence.

We appreciate your patience in the processing of your request. As stated previously, please contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Ann Ernest-Johnson, and reference FOIA case number 22-F-0231, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

for Pamela Andrews
Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated