



UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND

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Mr. Douglas Johnson



Dear Mr. Johnson

United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 10, 2020, and assigned it case number 20-R-030. In your letter, you asked for copies of records held by USNORTHCOM:

(1) that contain any reference whatever, regardless of exact terminology, to an informal working group or other group convened to share information on drone (UAS) activity or possible drone (UAS) activity including (but not limited to) any records referring to a meeting of federal, state, and local agencies that was held at Brush, Colorado, on January 6, 2020, to discuss reports of flights by drones of unknown origin;
or

(2) that contain any mention or discussion of possible or actual drone (UAS) activity, or the monitoring or investigation of possible or actual drone (UAS) activity, occurring in any of these states: Colorado, Nebraska, and/or Kansas for the time period of December 1, 2019, through February 29, 2020, inclusive.

Unfortunately, we were unable to locate any USNORTHCOM records in our systems of records that were responsive to the first item requested. However, USNORTHCOM is co-located with North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) and while conducting our search, we learned NORAD personnel received an invitation for the January 6, 2020 meeting; however, no one attended because the invitation arrived too late. As far as we know, no Department of Defense representatives attended the meeting.

For the second item requested, our search led only to NORAD records. As a bi-national command with both American and Canadian personnel, NORAD is not subject to the FOIA, so we did not review any records for release. You may have more success

by making a similar request to the Colorado Information Analysis Center, a Colorado state agency.

If you are not satisfied with this action you have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance (ODCMO), Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). The appellate address is ODCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Alternatively, you may submit your appeal electronically to OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil. If you use email, please have the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Your appeal should include our case number, 20-R-030 and be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" on the request.

You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from USNORTHCOM's FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Melissa Walker at (571)372-0462 or OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.



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